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## MEMORANDUM.

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The object of this return is to show to what extent the powers conferred on parishes under the Baths and Washhouses Acts and the Public Libraries Acts, respectively, have been taken advantage of in the case of the parishes comprised in the County of London. Where these Acts, which are commonly known as Adoptive Acts, have been adopted, and baths or libraries have been established, an attempt has been made to state in a convenient form the amount of accommodation provided at each establishment, and the times at which such accommodation is accessible to the public. In addition to this, the latest available statistics have been adduced to show to what extent the privileges afforded by these institutions have been made use of, and finally an analysis has been made of the expenditure of each authority for the year 1897-8 in respect of the Acts, showing the amount met by receipts-in-aid and the balance eventually falling on the rates, together with a statement of the total loans that had been borrowed, and the amount that remained outstanding at the end of the before-mentioned year.

As the two sets of institutions to be dealt with are in no wise connected with each other, the return has been divided into two parts, part I. being devoted to public baths and washhouses, and part II. to public libraries.

### PART I.—PUBLIC BATHS AND WASHHOUSES.

#### *Statutory powers.*

The first Act passed by Parliament, authorising the establishment of baths and washhouses by local authorities, was the Baths and Washhouses Act, 1846 (9 & 10 Vic., cap. 74).

The object of this Act is set forth clearly in the first section which runs as follows—

“Whereas it is desirable for the health, comfort and welfare of the inhabitants of towns and populous districts to encourage the establishment therein of public baths and washhouses and open bathing places . . . .”

In addition to this Act, four amending Acts have since been passed, viz.—

Baths and Washhouses Act, 1847 (10 & 11 Vic., cap. 61).

Baths and Washhouses Act, 1878 (41 Vic., cap. 14).

Baths and Washhouses Act, 1882 (45 & 46 Vic., cap. 30).

Baths and Washhouses Act, 1896 (59 & 60 Vic., cap. 59).

In order to adopt these Acts in any parish in London, a special meeting of the vestry of that parish must be convened for the purpose. A resolution for adopting the Acts must be carried by at least two-thirds of the number of votes given on the question, and a copy of the resolution, extracted from the minutes and signed by the chairman of the vestry, must be sent to the Local Government Board for its approval, and when that has been obtained the Acts can come into operation in the parish. Prior to the Local Government Act of 1894, the vestry in such a case were then to appoint not less than three nor more than seven persons, being ratepayers of the parish, commissioners for carrying the Acts into execution, but the Act of 1894 altered this in that a vestry is now empowered to administer the Acts itself. The Local Government Act also provides that, in the case of a parish where the Acts are being administered by commissioners, the vestry of that parish may apply to the Local Government Board for the transfer of those powers to itself.

Under the London Government Act of 1899, the powers and duties under the Baths and Washhouses Acts, now being administered by commissioners and vestries, will be transferred to the newly formed borough councils. The Act also provides that the Baths and Washhouses Acts may be adopted in any borough by a simple majority of the borough council at a special meeting, and it further provides that where the Acts extend only to part of a borough, then in such a case they may be adopted for the rest of the borough in like manner as if it were a separate borough.

#### *Execution of Acts.*

At the present time there are 35 parishes in London in which the Baths and Washhouses Acts have been adopted. In 29 of these parishes establishments are in full working order, in 4 they are in course of erection, in one case, that of Bromley, the matter is under consideration, and in Plumstead the matter has been allowed to drop on the ground that no suitable site could be obtained in the parish at a reasonable price. Of the 34 authorities administering the Acts in these parishes, 8 are boards of commissioners, 25 are vestries and one the Local Board of Woolwich.

The following table gives a list of the parishes where the Baths and Washhouses Acts are being carried out, showing for each parish the date and its order in the adoption of the Acts, and also in the provision of accommodation for the public—

Parishes where the Acts are being carried out.	Adoption of Acts.		Provision of accom- modation.		Parishes where the Acts are being carried out.	Adoption of Acts.		Provision of accom- modation.	
	Date.	Order of parish	Date.	Order of parish		Date.	Order of parish	Date.	Order of parish
Under boards of commis- sioners—					Under vestries—(continued)				
Chelsea ... ..	1889	23	1893	22	Greenwich ... ..	1849	6	1851	4
Kensington ... ..	1878	13	1888	16	Hackney ... ..	1891	26	1897	25
St. George-in-the-East ...	1886	18	1888	15	Hampstead ... ..	1883	17	1888	17
St. Giles and St. George...	1850	7	1853	7	Islington ... ..	1889	22	1892	19
St. Martin-in-the-Fields...	1846	1	1849	1	Lambeth ... ..	1890	25	1897	26
St. Saviour, Southwark...	1891	28	1895	24	Lewisham... ..	1882	16	1885	14
Wandsworth ... ..	1897	33	[In course of erection.]		Newington ... ..	1891	27	1898	27
Whitechapel ... ..	1874	12	1878	12	Paddington ... ..	1871	11	1874	11
					Poplar ... ..	1849	5	1852	6
					Ratcliffe ... ..	1895	31	[In course of erection.]	
Under vestries—					Rotherhithe ... ..	1878	14	1881	13
Battersea ... ..	1879	15	1889	18	St. George, Hanover- square	1852	9	1855	9
Bermondsey ... ..	1851	8	1854	8	St. James, Westminster	1846	3	1852	5
Bethnal-green ... ..	1895	30	[In course of erection.]		St. Margaret and St. John	1847	4	1851	3
Bow ... ..	1888	20	1892	21	St. Marylebone ... ..	1846	2	1849	2
Bromley ... ..	1899	34	—	—	St. Pancras ... ..	1865	10	1868	10
Camberwell ... ..	1887	19	1892	20	Shoreditch ... ..	1892	29	1899	29
Deptford, St. Paul ... ..	1889	21	1898	28					
Fulham ... ..	1895	32	[In course of erection.]		Under local board—				
					Woolwich	1890	24	1894	23

The following is a list of the parishes where the Baths and Washhouses Acts have not yet been adopted, with the estimated population at April, 1898—

Parish.	Estimated population, April, 1898.	Parish.	Estimated population, April, 1898.
Parishes under administrative vestries—		Brought forward ...	567,001
Clerkenwell ... ..	66,810	Parishes under district boards — (con- tinued)	
Hammersmith ... ..	105,783	St. Olave District parishes—	
Mile-end Old-town ... ..	110,388	Horselydown ... ..	9,672
St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark ...	64,168	St. Olave and St. Thomas ... ..	2,323
St. Luke ... ..	41,310	St. Saviour's District parishes—	
Stoke Newington ... ..	34,899	Christchurch, Southwark ... ..	11,948
Parishes under district boards—		Strand District parishes—	
Greenwich District parishes—		Rolls, Liberty... ..	268
St. Nicholas, Deptford ... ..	6,247	St. Anne, Soho ... ..	12,048
Holborn District parishes—		St. Clement Danes ... ..	8,295
Glasshouse-yard ... ..	697	St. Mary-le-Strand ... ..	1,392
Saffron-hill, &c. ... ..	3,854	St. Paul, Covent-garden ... ..	1,903
St. Andrew and St. George... ..	24,935	Savoy, Precinct ... ..	116
St. Sepulchre ... ..	1,763	Wandsworth District parishes—	
Lee District parishes—		Clapham ... ..	51,093
Charlton ... ..	15,679	Putney ... ..	22,212
Eltham ... ..	6,192	Streatham ... ..	60,825
Kidbrooke ... ..	2,198	Tooting Graveney ... ..	8,175
Lee ... ..	17,768	Whitechapel District parishes—	
Lewisham District parishes—		Aldgate ... ..	3,055
Penge ... ..	21,423	Christchurch, Spitalfields ... ..	23,424
Limehouse District parishes—		Mile-end, New-town... ..	12,366
Limehouse ... ..	32,822	Norton Folgate ... ..	1,509
Shadwell ... ..	8,091	Old Artillery-ground ... ..	2,072
Wapping ... ..	1,974		
Carried forward ...	567,001	Total ... ..	799,697

The Act of 1846 specially provides that two or more neighbouring parishes may combine in establishing joint baths and washhouses, but in no instance has this been done in London, where the limited extent of many of the parishes would render such a course advantageous.

#### Accommodation.

Under Section 36 of the Act of 1846, the number of baths provided for the labouring classes in any establishment must be not less than twice the number of baths provided of higher classes, and under Section 5 of the Act of 1847, the same provision is made with respect to the number of washing tubs or troughs. With regard to the latter provision, so far as London is concerned, only



one class of washhouse has been provided in any of the establishments, but the extent to which the former provision, as to the proportion of private baths to be allotted to the labouring classes, has been adhered to, can be seen from the following summary of the amount of accommodation provided by each parish—

Parish.	No. of establishments.	Private baths.							Swimming baths.		Washhouses.	
		1st class.			2nd class.			Total number of private baths.	For females exclusively.	Total number of swimming baths.	Number of establishments.	Number of washing compartments.
		For males.	For females.	Total 1st class baths.	For males.	For females.	Total 2nd class baths.					
Battersea ... ..	1	12	7	19	37	14	51	70	—	3	—	—
Bermondsey ... ..	1	16	4	20	35	8	43	63	—	2	1	75
Bow ... ..	1	15	4	19	30	8	38	57	—	2	1	40
Camberwell ... ..	2	40	20	60	63	30	93	153	—	4	1	72
Chelsea ... ..	2	24	—	24	55	28	83	107	2	5	—	—
Deptford, St. Paul ... ..	1	15	5	20	30	10	40	60	—	2	1	23
Greenwich ... ..	1	13	4	17	20	6	26	43	—	2	1	16
Hackney ... ..	1	16	8	24	40	20	60	84	1	3	—	—
Hampstead ... ..	1	14	6	20	17	11	28	48	2	4	—	—
Islington ... ..	3	53	25	78	145	62	207	285	3	9	3	186
Kensington ... ..	1	13	7	20	34	20	54	74	1	4	1	60
Lambeth ... ..	1	19	11	30	44	20	64	94	1	3	1	64
Lewisham ... ..	2	10	8	18	22	16	38	56	—	4	—	—
Newington ... ..	1	16	5	21	30	8	38	59	1	3	1	72
Paddington ... ..	1	28	10	38	46	12	58	96	1	4	1	50
Poplar ... ..	1	17	4	21	23	6	29	50	—	2	1	40
Rotherhithe ... ..	1	26	7	33	24	8	32	65	—	2	1	36
St. George-in-the-East ... ..	1	13	4	17	19	7	26	43	—	1	1	30
St. George, Hanover-square ... ..	2	37	17	54	47	22	69	123	—	3	2	76
St. Giles and St. George ... ..	1	18	7	25	39	8	47	72	—	2	1	58
St. James, Westminster ... ..	1	23	13	36	41	13	54	90	—	2	1	84
St. Margaret and St. John ... ..	1	20	8	28	26	8	34	62	—	2	1	64
St. Martin-in-the-Fields ... ..	1	17	5	22	26	12	38	60	—	—	1	60
St. Marylebone ... ..	1	23	11	34	48	19	67	101	1	4	1	74
St. Pancras ... ..	2	64	18	82	115	20	135	217	—	4	2	141
St. Saviour ... ..	1	12	5	17	23	10	33	50	—	2	1	36
Shoreditch ... ..	1	20	5	25	36	15	51	76	—	2	1	50
Whitechapel ... ..	1	31	9	40	60	18	78	118	1	3	—	—
Woolwich ... ..	1	21	4	25	30	8	38	63	—	2	—	—
Totals ... ..	36	646	241	887	1,205	447	1,652	2,539	14	85	26	1,407

In addition to these 36 establishments, 8 other establishments are either in actual course of erection or about to be erected, one in each of the following parishes—

Battersea.	Poplar.
Bethnal-green.	Ratcliffe.
Camberwell.	St. Pancras.
Fulham.	Wandsworth.

#### Charges.

The maximum charges authorised to be made for the use of baths and washhouses are set forth clearly in the Acts of 1847 and 1878. They are as follows—

##### 1. Baths for the labouring classes—

Every bath to be supplied with clean water for every person bathing alone, or for several children bathing together, and in either case with one clean towel for every bather.

For one person above eight years old—

Cold bath, or cold shower bath, any sum not exceeding ... .. one penny.

Warm bath, or warm shower bath, or vapour bath, any sum not exceeding ... .. two pence.

For several children, not above eight years old, nor exceeding four, bathing together—

Cold bath, or cold shower bath, any sum not exceeding ... .. two pence.

Warm bath, or warm shower bath, or vapour bath, any sum not exceeding ... .. four pence.

##### 2. Baths of any higher class—

Charges not to exceed in any case three times the charges above mentioned for the several kinds of baths for the labouring classes.

##### 3. Washhouses for the labouring classes—

Every washhouse to be supplied with conveniences for washing and drying clothes and other articles.

For the use by one person of one washing tub or trough, and of a copper or boiler (if any), or, where one of the washing tubs or troughs shall be used as a copper or boiler, for the use of one pair of washing tubs or troughs, and for the use of the conveniences for drying—

For one hour only in any one day, any sum not exceeding ... .. one penny.

For two hours together, in any one day, any sum not exceeding ... .. three pence.

Any time over the hour or two hours respectively, if not exceeding five minutes, not to be reckoned.

For two hours not together, or for more than two hours in any one day, such charges as may be thought fit.

4. Washhouses of any higher class—

Such charges as may be thought fit.

5. Open bathing places—

Where several persons bathe in the same water—

For one person ... .. one penny.

6. Covered swimming baths—

First-class—For one person, any sum not exceeding... .. eight pence.

Second-class—For one person, any sum not exceeding ... .. four pence.

Third-class—For one person, any sum not exceeding ... .. two pence.

In the case of the private baths, these maximum charges seem to be well adhered to, except that at the establishments of Deptford St. Paul, Lewisham, St. Margaret and St. John, and Shoreditch, the charge for a 1st class cold bath is 6d., whereas the maximum charge laid down above is 3d. Turning, however, to the washhouses, the statutory maximum charge of 1d. for the first hour seems to be universally disregarded, except at the Greenwich, Islington and Shoreditch establishments. The charge of 2d. is made at the St. James' Washhouses, but at all the others it is 1½d. A sliding scale of charges is adopted at many of the washhouses by which the rate of charge per hour is increased at the end of every successive hour during which a washing trough is used by the same person; the object of this is to keep out, as far as possible, the professional washers. With regard to the swimming baths, there being no provision in the Acts for the accommodation of the labouring classes, the only real effect of the above schedule is that the charge shall not exceed 8d. This, in fact, is in no case done, the charge being almost invariably 6d. for first class baths and 2d. for second class; children attending the elementary schools are admitted to most establishments at the rate of 1d. each. An instance worthy of note is that of St. Marylebone, where there is a third class bath for males, to which adults are admitted at 1d. each; this is the only case of the kind in the County of London. Mention, too, ought to be made here of Battersea, where free instruction in swimming is given to all classes of bathers during the summer season; the same privilege is also accorded to female bathers at the swimming baths of Bermondsey, Rotherhithe, Shoreditch and Whitechapel. At some of the establishments it will be seen that soap is included in the charge made for the private baths, and the use of costume, &c., in the entrance fee to the swimming baths, whilst at others a small extra charge is made.

*Extent of use.*

Public baths and washhouses are not limited as to use in any way, as is the case with public libraries, but are available for the use of any person on payment of the required charges.

The estimated population at April, 1898, of the parishes in which public baths are now open was 3,206,573. This figure, however, can give no indication of the population actually served by these baths. In the first place, the population figure represents the number of persons actually sleeping in those parishes, whereas the baths can be taken as serving the day population as well, an entirely different figure from the night population, and one which would vary in the case of any parish according to whether the parish was mainly composed of property of a commercial or of a residential character. In central parishes, such as St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. James Westminster, and St. Saviour Southwark, if the users of the public baths could be classified, it would in all probability be found that persons employed in the parishes, but resident elsewhere, formed the greater proportion. In the second place, too, the fact of a parish possessing an establishment of baths and washhouses does not mean that the whole of the population, day or night, of that parish is thereby benefited. In fact this is not so, for in the case of such a parish as that of Lambeth, an inhabitant, say, at Norwood or Brixton could hardly be said to be served by the baths established in the northern part of parish, although of course he is called upon to pay a proportion of the annual deficit in respect thereof; on the other hand, where baths have been established in small parishes such as St. Saviour Southwark or Whitechapel, residents of the neighbouring parishes are served just as much as the residents of the parishes which own the baths.

The number of bathers and washers at the public baths and washhouses during 1897-8 reached the large total of 5,090,990; of these, 4,463,109 were bathers in either the private or swimming baths, and the remaining 627,881 were women who used the washhouses. The number of hours paid for by the latter was 2,064,393, or an average of 3·3 hours per washer.

As regards the bathers, in two or three cases where book tickets, available for either the private or swimming baths, are sold, the proportion of such tickets used between the two kinds of baths is not recorded. Apportioning such figures, however, we are able to get out the following—

Bathers in private baths—

1st class	...	...	...	...	650,338	
2nd class	...	...	...	...	1,697,620	
					<hr/>	2,347,958

Bathers in swimming baths—

1st class	...	...	...	...	705,456	
2nd and 3rd classes	...	...	...	...	1,409,695	
					<hr/>	2,115,151

Total bathers, 1897-8	...	...	...	...	4,463,109
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It is impossible to set out these figures between males and females, as in many establishments no such record is kept; but in those cases where the information is available the proportion between the sexes has been worked out, and it is found that of the users of the private baths 18 per cent. are females, and in the case of the swimming baths only 10 per cent.



The School Board for London is authorised to incur expenditure in connection with the teaching of swimming, and it will not be out of place here to quote a summary of a return published by the Board which gives particulars of the swimming instruction carried out at each school during the 1898 bathing season. The system under which this instruction is carried out will best be explained by quoting the resolution of the Board on the subject as passed on the 24th March, 1892, and amended on subsequent dates—

“That, having regard to a communication from the Education Department, authorising the payment of expenditure in connection with the use of existing baths for the purpose of instruction in swimming, a fee not exceeding a penny a child a lesson be paid to bath proprietors for a number of lessons not exceeding twenty a year in the case of each child attending a swimming class, subject (i) to proper instruction being provided; (ii) to an entry of the subject being made upon the time-table; (iii) to any other condition, or conditions, which experience may hereafter prove to be necessary; and (iv) to this arrangement being limited to scholars of Standard IV. and upwards, and to scholars of eleven years of age and upwards.”

In considering the following figures, it must be borne in mind that the instruction is not necessarily carried out at the public baths. Unfortunately the return confines itself to merely giving the distance of the nearest swimming accommodation from each school, and does not give the name of the establishment, so it is impossible to get at the proportion of the Board's children instructed at the public swimming baths—

Admissions to baths—

Number allowed under Board's resolution	...	...	...	797,098
Actual number used	...	...	...	444,111

Instruction of scholars—

Number of times class attended at baths during season...	...	9,306
Number of scholars instructed in swimming	...	33,380
Number of scholars taught to swim...	...	11,039

Certificates, &c., earned—

Board (granted to scholars who can swim 40 yards in the case of boys, and 20 yards in the case of girls)	...	4,637
Non-Board	...	5,329

*Winter arrangements.*

The private baths and the washhouses of all establishments must be kept open for the use of the public the whole year round, but it is specially provided in section 5 of the Act of 1878 that, from the beginning of November to the end of March, any swimming bath, whether covered or open, may be kept closed, or a gymnasium or other means of healthful recreation may be established therein. Charges may be made for the use of the gymnasium or other means of recreation, or for the use of any covered swimming bath as an empty room. At most of the establishments the smallest bath is kept open during the winter season, the other baths either being closed or fitted up and used as halls as provided above. The following is a list of the establishments where a gymnasium is provided during the winter season—

Battersea.	St. Marylebone.
Hampstead.	Shoreditch.

The same section quoted above also specially states that no covered or open swimming bath when closed may be used for music or dancing, but this clause was repealed by the Act of 1896, which gives power to the London County Council to grant a licence for music and dancing for any bath, should they so think fit. Under these provisions, the first-class swimming baths of the following establishments are licensed to be used as halls for music or dancing—

Islington—Caledonian-road.	Newington.
Lambeth.	Shoreditch.
Lewisham—Ladywell.	

Plans also have been approved by the Council for the first-class swimming baths of the Battersea, Paddington and Whitechapel establishments.

The first-class baths at a few of the other establishments are fitted up as halls during the winter season, but none of these are licensed to be used for music or dancing. The reason for this is that the halls do not conform to the requirements of the Council in the matter of exits, &c., and it has not been thought worth while to incur the large expenditure that would be involved in carrying out the structural alterations rendered necessary.

*Water supply.*

The expenditure on water forms a considerable item in the accounts of baths and washhouses authorities. The total cost of water supplied at the 26 establishments which were open during the year 1897-8, and which were supplied wholly by one or other of the eight companies was £12,522. The rates per 1,000 gallons charged by the several companies vary considerably, even in the case of the same company, as will be seen from the following—

Company.	Rates charged per 1,000 gallons.
Chelsea	6d., less 5 per cent. discount.
East London	4d., 6d. in one case, and 7½d. in one case.
Grand Junction	6d.
Kent	7½d.
Lambeth	6d., 8d. in one case.
New River	7½d., 6d. in two cases.
Southwark and Vauxhall	6d., 7½d. in two cases.
West Middlesex	6d. less 10 per cent. discount in two cases, 4d. less 10 per cent. discount in two cases.

In consequence of these high charges, wells have been sunk or are in course of construction at 12 establishments. At Greenwich and Deptford St. Paul, the baths are supplied wholly from this source. A statement is published by the Lewisham Vestry, showing the consumption and cost of water at the Ladywell baths during the summer season, 18th April to 15th October, 1898, with the quantities obtained from the well and from the Kent Waterworks Company respectively. A calculation can thus be made of the actual saving effected by the well which will be both instructive and interesting to set out briefly here—

Capital expenditure on well to date	...	...	...	...	£582
Quantity of water supplied from well during period mentioned	...	...	...	...	4,928,000 galls.

Spreading the capital expenditure on well over 15 years, the usual period adopted, the cost of this water works out as follows—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repayment and interest on capital	...	...	...	56	5	3
Maintenance of well—						
Coke	...	...	...	19	11	—
Oil, &c.	...	...	...	1	10	—
Labour	...	...	...	5	9	6
				26	10	6
Total cost of water from well	...	...	...	£82	15	9

or at the rate of, as near as possible, 4d. per 1,000 gallons.

The cost of this water, if supplied by Kent Company at 7½d. per 1,000 gallons, would have been	...	...	...	...	£154	—	—
The actual saving effected by well was therefore	...	...	...	...	£71	4	3

#### Finance.

Under the Act of 1846, the expenses of executing the Acts for a parish are payable out of the poor rate, and it is also provided that any surplus arising therefrom shall be paid to the aid of the same rate. The parish of Woolwich, however, is an exception to this rule in that the expenses of executing the Acts are paid out of the general district rate. In no case in London is an establishment carried on so as to produce a surplus, though there are many instances where the actual deficit is less than the charge in respect of the repayment and interest on debt. Prior to the re-building of the St. Marylebone Baths in 1895, there was a surplus for several years which was paid over to the relief of the rates. There was no actual charge on the rates for the year 1897–8 in respect of either St. James Westminster or St. George-in-the-East establishments, but there were deficits to the extent of £660 and £184 respectively, which were met by corresponding decreases in balances.

The following is a summary of the receipts and expenditure for 1897–8 of the 34 authorities administering the Baths and Washhouses Acts in London—

Expenditure—	£	£	£
Interest and repayment of loans	...	62,563	
Buildings—Repairs, rents, rates and taxes, &c.	...	16,881	
Working expenses—			
Coals, gas, towels, soap, &c.	...	22,620	
Water	...	13,284	
Salaries, wages and establishment...	...	41,855	
		77,759	
Special expenses (where separately stated)	...	1,468	
Total expenditure	...		158,671
Receipts in aid of expenditure—			
Tickets sold—			
Bath	...	55,991	
Laundry	...	14,027	
		70,018	
Soap and soda, extra towels, costumes, &c.	...	2,086	
Other	...	3,207	
Total receipts in aid of expenditure...			75,311
Resulting charge falling on rates...	...	...	£83,360



In the following table the charge falling on the rates of each parish in 1897-8 in respect of the Baths and Washhouses Acts is shown, together with the equivalent rate in the £ of such charge on the statutory rateable value in force at April, 1897—

Parishes where the Acts are being carried out.	Charge falling on rates.	Equivalent rate in the £.	Parishes where the Acts are being carried out.	Charge falling on rates.	Equivalent rate in the £.
	£	d.		£	d.
Battersea ... ..	2,488	·68	Poplar ... ..	293	·21
Bermondsey ... ..	892	·51	Ratcliffe ... ..	10	·03
Bethnal-green ... ..	—	—	Rotherhithe ... ..	2,047	2·27
Bow ... ..	4,143	6·20	St. George-in-the-East ...	184	·22
Bromley ... ..	—	—	St. George, Hanover-square	7,222	·87
Camberwell ... ..	4,822	1·00	St. Giles and St. George ...	1,486	·82
Chelsea ... ..	4,115	1·26	St. James, Westminster ...	660	·20
Deptford, St. Paul ...	2,443	1·11	St. Margaret and St. John	3,702	1·01
Fulham ... ..	32	·01	St. Martin-in-the-Fields ...	344	·14
Greenwich ... ..	565	·42	St. Marylebone ... ..	3,540	·53
Hackney ... ..	5,071	1·15	St. Pancras... ..	1,755	·26
Hampstead... ..	1,285	·38	St. Saviour... ..	3,621	3·88
Islington ... ..	11,287	1·52	Shoreditch ... ..	1,458	·50
Kensington... ..	4,941	·57	Wandsworth ... ..	—	—
Lambeth ... ..	2,452	·35	Whitechapel ... ..	1,602	1·68
Lewisham ... ..	2,201	·96	Woolwich ... ..	2,375	2·17
Newington ... ..	2,977	1·44			
Paddington... ..	3,347	·60	Total ... ..	83,360	

For the purposes of the Acts, baths and washhouses authorities may borrow money, but the sanction of the Local Government Board must first be obtained, and where the authority is a board of commissioners, the sanction of the vestry must also be obtained. The total amount of loans borrowed up to the end of 1897-8 was £1,227,368, and the amount of loans outstanding on that date was £785,395.

#### *Bathing at parks and open spaces.*

Wherever possible the Council makes provision for bathing at the parks and open spaces under its control, and perhaps it would be as well to give here a list of such places, with the hours at which bathing is permitted—

Brockwell-park—From opening of park to 8 a.m. on week-days, and to 9 a.m. on Sundays.

Clapham-common—Before 8 a.m. and after 8 p.m. (on Sundays up to 9 a.m. only).

Hampstead-heath and Parliament-hill—Before 8 a.m. throughout the year, except on Sundays, when the hour is 9 a.m.; no evening bathing on Sundays, but on other days as follows— in April and September from 6 to 7 p.m., in May and August from 7 to 8 p.m., and in June and July from 8 to 9 p.m. At Parliament-hill, bathing is permitted on Thursdays and Saturdays after 2 p.m., conditionally upon bathers wearing the costume approved by the Amateur Swimming Association.

Plumstead-common—Before 9 a.m. and after 6 p.m. (except on Saturdays and Sundays, when there is no bathing in the evening). Bathing is also permitted for boys only between 9 a.m. and 12 noon every week-day from May to September.

Victoria-park—Before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., and on Saturdays by boys only between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

The principal amount of bathing is carried on at Victoria-park, where there is a special bathing lake; as many as 25,000 people have been known to bathe here on a fine hot Sunday, some of the bathers starting as early as 4 o'clock in the morning.

In addition to the above bathing is also permitted in the Serpentine in Hyde-park. This park is under the control of Her Majesty's Office of Works.

Bathing at all these places is quite free of charge, and is limited exclusively to males.

## **PART II.—PUBLIC LIBRARIES.**

### *Statutory powers.*

The first Act of Parliament authorising the establishment of public libraries by local authorities was passed in 1845, but this, together with several amending Acts, has since been repealed and the only Acts now in force are the—

Public Libraries Act, 1892 (55 & 56 Vict., cap. 53).

Public Libraries (Amendment) Act, 1893 (56 Vict., cap. 11).

The scope of these Acts is not limited to the provision of libraries alone, but also includes any or all of the following institutions, namely, public museums, schools for science, art galleries and schools for art.



As far as London is concerned, every parish is a library district for the purposes of the Acts; the areas under the district boards, together with the City of London, are also constituted library districts. In order to adopt the Acts for any of these library districts, a requisition in writing must be made by ten or more voters of the district to the overseers, or in the case where the requisition is in favour of the Acts being adopted for an area under a district board, then in such a case to the district board, requiring either authority to ascertain the opinion of the voters in the parish or district with respect to the question or questions stated in the requisition. County electors are the voters for the purposes of the Acts.

A requisition may contain any question with respect to—

- (1) The adoption of the Acts.
- (2) The limitation of the rate.
- (3) The formation of a joint library with a neighbouring library district.

On receipt of such requisition, the overseers or district board shall proceed to ascertain by means of voting papers the opinion of the voters with respect to the said question or questions stated in the requisition, and, in the event of there being a majority of valid voting papers in favour of the adoption of the Acts, the Acts shall forthwith be deemed to be adopted for that parish or district. Where the opinion of the voters in any library district is ascertained upon the question as to the adoption of this Act, or upon a question as to the limitation of the rate, no further proceeding may be taken for ascertaining the opinion of the voters until the expiration of one year at least from the day on which the opinion of the voters was last ascertained.

Where these Acts were adopted for any parish prior to the Local Government Act of 1894, the vestry of that parish, or the district board in the case where the Acts were adopted for a district, had to appoint not less than three or more than nine voters in the parish or district to be commissioners for carrying the Acts into execution, but the Act of 1894 now provides that a vestry or district board may administer the Acts itself. The Local Government Act also provides that in the case of a parish or district where the Acts are being administered by commissioners, the vestry or district board may apply to the Local Government Board for the transfer of those powers to itself. As far as the City of London is concerned, on the Acts being adopted, the Common Council shall be the library authority.

Where the Acts have been adopted in any two or more neighbouring parishes or districts, the authorities may by agreement combine for any period in carrying the Acts into execution. The library authorities, also, for any two or more parishes or districts for which the Acts have been adopted may, with the consent of the voters (ascertained by means of a poll) in each parish or district, agree to share for any period the cost of the purchase, erection and maintenance of any library situate in one of the parishes or districts.

Under the London Government Act of 1899, the powers and duties under the Public Libraries Acts, now being administered by commissioners and vestries, will be transferred to the newly-formed borough councils. The Act also provides that the Public Libraries Acts may be adopted in any borough by a simple majority of the borough council at a special meeting, thus doing away with the present necessity of taking a poll of the voters, and it further provides that where the Acts extend only to part of a borough, then in such a case they may be adopted for the rest of the borough in like manner as if it were a separate borough.

#### *Execution of Acts.*

At the present time there are in London 34 parishes and 4 districts in which the Public Libraries Acts have been adopted. Of these areas 33 are already served by libraries in full working order, in 3 areas libraries are about to be provided, and in two the matter is under consideration. In the case of two of the parishes, viz., St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Paul Covent-garden, advantage has been taken of the provision mentioned above, and a joint library established for the use of both parishes. Making allowance for this, there are therefore 37 library authorities administering the Acts in London. Of these authorities 19 are boards of commissioners, 17 are vestries, and one the Local Board of Woolwich.

The following table gives a list of the parishes and districts where the Public Libraries Acts are being carried out, showing for each the date and its order in the adoption of the Acts, and also in the provision of accommodation for the use of the public—

Parishes or districts where the Acts are being carried out.	Adoption of Acts.		First accommodation provided.	
	Date.	Order of area.	Date.	Order of area.
Under Boards of Commissioners—				
Chelsea ... ..	May, 1887	7	Nov., 1887	4
Christchurch, Southwark ... ..	Feb., 1888	15	Oct., 1889	12
Clapham ... ..	July, 1887	10	Oct., 1889	13
Holborn District ... ..	May, 1891	26	Jan., 1893	25
Kensington ... ..	June, 1887	9	Jan., 1888	6
Lambeth ... ..	Dec., 1886	4	July, 1888	8
Limehouse District ... ..	May, 1898	38	—	—
Penge ... ..	Sept., 1891	27	June, 1892	21
Plumstead ... ..	Feb., 1898	37	—	—
Putney ... ..	May, 1887	8	April, 1888	7

Parishes or districts where the Acts are being carried out.	Adoption of Acts.		First accommodation provided.	
	Date.	Order of area.	Date.	Order of area.
<b>Under Boards of Commissioners—(contd.)</b>				
St. George-in-the-East ... ..	Mar., 1896	34	Oct., 1898	32
St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark ...	Mar., 1896	35	Feb., 1899	33
St. Giles District ... ..	May, 1891	25	Nov., 1892	23
St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Paul, Covent-garden—				
St. Martin-in-the-Fields ... ..	Feb., 1887	5	Jan., 1889	10
St. Paul, Covent-garden ... ..	Aug., 1893	31	Aug., 1893	26
St. Saviour, Southwark ... ..	Nov., 1891	29	Nov., 1894	30
Stoke Newington ... ..	Feb., 1890	19	Oct., 1890	16
Streatham ... ..	Dec., 1889	18	April, 1891	17
Wandsworth ... ..	July, 1883	2	Mar., 1885	2
Whitechapel District ... ..	Dec., 1889	17	May, 1892	20
<b>Under Vestries—</b>				
Battersea ... ..	Mar., 1887	6	Sept., 1887	3
Bermondsey ... ..	Oct., 1887	11	Nov., 1891	19
Bow ... ..	April, 1896	36	—	—
Bromley ... ..	Oct., 1891	28	April, 1895	31
Camberwell ... ..	Jan., 1889	16	Mar., 1890	14
Clerkenwell ... ..	Dec., 1887	14	Nov., 1888	9
Fulham ... ..	Nov., 1886	3	Nov., 1887	5
Hammersmith ... ..	Dec., 1887	13	Aug., 1889	11
Hampstead ... ..	Feb., 1893	30	Mar., 1894	28
Lewisham ... ..	June, 1890	20	July, 1891	18
Mile-end Old-town ... ..	Feb., 1896	33	—	—
Newington ... ..	Oct., 1890	22	Nov., 1893	27
Poplar ... ..	Dec., 1890	23	Dec., 1892	24
Rotherhithe ... ..	Nov., 1887	12	Oct., 1890	15
St. George, Hanover-square ... ..	June, 1890	21	July, 1894	29
St. Margaret and St. John ... ..	May, 1856	1	Mar., 1857	1
Shoreditch ... ..	Mar., 1891	24	Nov., 1892	22
<b>Under Local Board—</b>				
Woolwich ... ..	June, 1895	32	—	—

The following is a list of the parishes and districts where the Public Libraries Acts have not yet been adopted, with the estimated population at April, 1898—

Parish or district.	Estimated population, April, 1898.	Parish or district.	Estimated population, April, 1898.
		Brought forward ... ..	1,433,788
<b>Parishes under administrative vestries—</b>		<b>Districts with the parishes comprised therein—(continued).</b>	
Bethnal-green ... ..	126,698	Lee District—	
Hackney ... ..	216,368	Charlton ... ..	15,679
Islington ... ..	339,423	Eltham ... ..	6,192
Paddington ... ..	123,974	Kidbrooke ... ..	2,198
St. James, Westminster ... ..	22,865	Lee ... ..	17,768
*St. Luke ... ..	41,310	St. Olave's District—	
St. Marylebone ... ..	138,837	Horsleydown ... ..	9,672
St. Pancras ... ..	240,737	St. Olave and St. Thomas ... ..	2,323
<b>Districts with the parishes comprised therein—</b>		Strand District (part)—	
Greenwich District—		Rolls, Liberty ... ..	268
Deptford, St. Nicholas ... ..	6,247	St. Ann, Soho ... ..	12,048
Deptford, St. Paul ... ..	113,094	St. Clement Danes ... ..	8,295
Greenwich ... ..	64,235	St. Mary-le-Strand ... ..	1,392
		Savoy, Precinct ... ..	116
		Wandsworth District (part)—	
		Tooting Graveney ... ..	8,175
Carried forward ... ..	1,433,788	Total ... ..	1,517,914

\* St. Luke—The benefits of the Cripplegate Institute, founded under the City Parochial Charities Act, have been extended to this parish, thus saving the expense of providing public libraries under the Public Libraries Acts.



In 7 of these parishes polls have been taken on the question as to whether the Acts should be adopted, but in every case an adverse majority has been recorded. The following is a list showing the date when the last poll was taken and the number of votes polled—

Parish.	Date of last poll.	Number of votes polled.		
		For.	Against.	Majority against.
Hackney ... ..	July, 1891	5,703	7,076	1,373
Islington ... ..	Jan., 1897	11,344	14,413	3,069
Paddington ... ..	May, 1891	1,590	4,528	2,938
St. Marylebone ... ..	May, 1898	4,241	4,617	376
St. Pancras ... ..	Oct., 1898	4,849	8,278	3,429
Greenwich District parishes—				
Deptford, St. Paul ... ..	July, 1894	2,316	3,552	1,236
Greenwich ... ..	Feb., 1891	1,633	2,592	959

*Accommodation.*

Most of the libraries established in London consist of three departments, viz., a lending department, from which duly qualified persons may borrow books for the purpose of home reading; a reference department, in which any person over the prescribed limit of age may obtain books for the purpose of reference on the premises; and a news and reading-room, where the current numbers of newspapers, periodicals, magazines, &c., are provided. In the parishes where, on account of their large area, it is necessary to have more than one establishment, it is usual to provide a reference library at a large central establishment and to limit the branches to a lending library and news, &c., rooms. This, however, is not always the case. The following is a summary of the number of establishments provided in London up to the present, but in considering this table it must be borne in mind that it is in no way intended to serve as a basis of comparison between area and area—

Library area.	Number of establishments.	Number of establishments from which books may be borrowed for home reading.	Number of establishments at which books may be consulted for reference purposes.	Number of establishments in which a news, &c., room is provided.
Battersea ... ..	3	3	1	3
Bermondsey ... ..	1	1	1	1
Bromley ... ..	1	1	—	1
Camberwell ... ..	6	5	3	4
Camberwell and Lambeth ... ..	1	1	1	1
Chelsea ... ..	2	2	2	2
Christchurch, Southwark ... ..	1	1	1	1
Clapham ... ..	1	1	1	1
Clerkenwell ... ..	1	1	1	1
Fulham ... ..	2	2	2	2
Hammersmith ... ..	3	3	2	3
Hampstead ... ..	4	3	3	4
Holborn ... ..	1	1	1	1
Kensington ... ..	3	3	1	3
Lambeth ... ..	5	5	1	5
Lewisham ... ..	1	1	—	1
Newington ... ..	1	1	1	1
Penge ... ..	1	1	1	1
Poplar ... ..	2	2	1	2
Putney ... ..	1	1	1	1
Rotherhithe ... ..	1 (a)	1 (a)	1	1
St. George-in-the-East ... ..	1	1	1	1
St. George, Hanover-square ... ..	2	2	2	2
St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark ... ..	1	1	1	1
St. Giles ... ..	1	1	1	1
St. Margaret and St. John ... ..	2	2	2	2
St. Martin and St. Paul ... ..	1	1	1	1
St. Saviour, Southwark ... ..	1	1	1	1
Shoreditch ... ..	2	2	2	2
Stoke Newington ... ..	1	1	1	1
Streatham ... ..	2	2	1	2
Wandsworth ... ..	2	2	1	2
Whitechapel ... ..	1 (b)	1 (b)	1	1
Totals ... ..	57	57	41	57

(a) Rotherhithe—There is also a delivery station for the books of the Central Library.

(b) Whitechapel—There are also two delivery stations for the books of the Central Library.



In addition to these 59 establishments, 6 others are either in actual course of erection or about to be erected, one in each of the following parishes—

Bow.	Lewisham.
Hampstead.	Plumstead.
Lambeth.	Woolwich.

The library in course of erection in Lambeth is being built jointly by the Lambeth Library Commissioners and the Corporation of Croydon. When finished it will be maintained by an equal contribution from each body.

At some of the libraries special attractions are offered to children, a separate room being devoted to their use, in which books for reading on the premises and juvenile periodicals are provided; indoor games, too, are in one or two cases provided. Again, at several places a reading-room is set apart for the use of ladies, and at Westminster Central Library a separate room in addition has been provided for the use of ratepayers of the parish. A special feature worthy of note in connection with the work of four libraries, viz., Fulham, Newington, St. Saviour's and Whitechapel, is the holding of free lectures during the winter season; at Newington and St. Saviour's Libraries free lantern lectures for boys are also held from time to time.

A very useful feature at most libraries is the exhibition in the early mornings of the situations sheets of the daily papers for the benefit of persons seeking employment. At Fulham "situations boards" are also provided at four other parts of the parish.

The only instances in London where institutions, provided for under the Acts other than libraries, are established, are at Camberwell and Whitechapel. Owing to the munificence of Mr. Passmore Edwards and others, Camberwell possesses in the "Lord Leighton Memorial Art Gallery" a fine building where loan exhibitions of pictures are held from time to time. Adjoining the gallery and really forming an entrance to it is another building, the Camberwell School of Arts and Crafts. This school is maintained by the Technical Education Board of the London County Council, but the premises belong to the Camberwell Vestry. At Whitechapel there is a museum attached to the library; a lady curator is specially appointed in charge, whose duty is to assist students or give information respecting the specimens to visitors. Mention also ought to be made of Newington where loan exhibitions of pictures, &c., are held from time to time in the library.

#### *Extent of use.*

The estimated population at April, 1898, of the parishes and districts in which public libraries are now established was 2,630,316. This figure, however, can give no indication of the population actually served by these libraries, for the reference departments and news and reading rooms of all libraries are available for the use of any person over the prescribed limit of age, and therefore the same remarks would apply in this case as were made in discussing the case of the population served by baths and washhouses (see p. iv. *ante*).

The majority of library authorities make up the statistics relating to books and borrowers for the year ending the 25th or 31st March; in 11 cases, however, the year ended 31st December or other dates is taken. Disregarding this variation, the total issues of books for home-reading during the year is found to amount to the large figure of 3,893,671. Owing to the various methods of classification adopted at the different libraries, it is impossible to split up this figure into more than two classes, viz., fiction, which would include juvenile literature, and non-fiction.

Adopting this classification, the issues appear as follows—

Fiction	...	...	...	...	3,120,118	or 80 per cent.
Non-fiction	...	...	...	...	773,553	„ 20 „

Total issues for home-reading	...	3,893,671
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As was reasonably to be expected, the percentage of fictional issues is somewhat high, but on consideration it will clearly be seen that the two classes do not at all well lend themselves to comparison. The novel, of its very nature, is chiefly borrowed for purposes of amusement, and the time during which it is in use is very limited; on the other hand, when a book is obtained for educational purposes, not only is the effort expended on it much greater, but the period for which it is retained is very much longer than is the case with regard to works of fiction. Thus, a constant reader of fiction may reasonably be supposed to get through, say, four books in fourteen days, the usual period allowed for borrowing, whereas the average student would probably retain a book for the whole period. It is probable, indeed, if the actual time for which the books of the two classes were retained could be ascertained, that the disparity indicated by the above figures would disappear.

The total issues of books for reference purposes on the premises during the same period amounted to 554,642; in addition to these there were 66,540 issues in the juvenile departments of certain libraries.

The number of books in stock at the end of the period being dealt with, available for home-reading, was as follows—

Fiction	...	...	...	...	193,132	or 41 per cent.
Non-fiction	...	...	...	...	278,498	„ 59 „

Total books available for home-reading	...	471,630
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and the number available for reference purposes only was 127,272; there were in addition 2,624 books in the juvenile departments of certain libraries for reading on the premises only. The total number of books in use at the libraries was therefore 601,526. It must be remembered that at all the libraries non-fictional works of the leading departments are available for reference purposes on the premises, provided they are in and are not required by anyone for borrowing.



In considering these figures, and in comparing one library with another, due regard must be paid to the following points—

(1) At some libraries the whole of the books of the reference department are kept in open cases, at others there are many, while at others there are few books which can be used without application and therefore without any record being kept.

(2) The time allowed for borrowing books from lending departments may be seven or fourteen days. It follows that in a library where only seven days are allowed, a large proportion of books are renewed which would not, under the fourteen days' limit, require renewal, and renewals being counted as issues, a fair comparison cannot be made.

The total number of borrowers who were qualified to borrow books for home-reading at the end of the period under consideration was 138,870; it is impossible to classify this figure, but in the return itself a classification has been given of the borrowers at individual libraries, wherever possible. It will be noticed that in some cases an attempt has been made to give a classification of the occupations, but owing to the vague descriptions given and also to the large proportion of "not stated," this is of little use. It is a pity that a more careful classification of the occupations of the borrowers could not be carried out by library authorities; such a return would be most interesting in showing whether the libraries were meeting the needs of the class for which they are primarily intended.

#### *Finance.*

The expenses incurred in the execution of the Public Libraries Acts may be defrayed, where the library district is a parish, out of the poor rate, subject, however, to the qualification that any person assessed in respect of lands used as arable, meadow or pasture ground, or as woodlands or market-gardens, or nursery grounds, shall be only liable for one-third of such rate. Where the library district is a district under Schedule B of the Metropolis Management Act, the expenses are to be defrayed out of the general rate, but there is apparently no qualification as to land similar to that in the poor rate. The parish of Woolwich comes under the clause of the Act of 1892 which deals with urban districts, whereby it is provided that the expenses of a library are to be met out of the general district rate. With the single exception of the City of London it is expressly enacted that the rate for the purposes of the Acts shall in no case exceed one penny in the pound for any one financial year. In the case of the City of London there is no limit as to rate, but as a matter of fact no rate is levied, the library being provided by the Corporation out of its corporate funds. Of course the Acts can be adopted for any library district subject to a condition that the rate shall not exceed one halfpenny or three-farthings, but these limitations may be subsequently removed provided that on a poll of the voters being taken a majority is recorded in favour of such a course being taken.

In 29 of the 38 areas where the Acts have been adopted, the full penny rate was levied in 1898-9; in Shoreditch a  $\frac{3}{4}$ d. rate, and in the Holborn District, Kensington, Lewisham and St. George Hanover-square, only a  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. rate was levied; in Bromley the expenditure was met out of balance, and in Bow, the Limehouse District, and Mile-end Old-town, no expenditure had been incurred.

The following is a summary of the receipts and expenditure in respect of 1897-8 of the several authorities administering the Public Libraries Acts in London—

Expenditure—					£	£
Interest and repayment of loans...	...	...	...	...	12,628	
Maintenance of buildings and furniture	...	...	...	...	12,327	
Books, periodicals, binding, &c.	...	...	...	...	16,440	
Salaries and wages	...	...	...	...	21,035	
Establishment and other	...	...	...	...	3,248	
Total expenditure						65,678
Receipts in aid of expenditure—						
Fines, catalogues and tickets	...	...	...	...	2,822	
Rents	...	...	...	...	487	
Other	...	...	...	...	719	
Total receipts in aid of expenditure						4,028
Resulting charge falling on rates						£61,650

The total produce of the rates, not necessarily levied, but authorised to be levied for library purposes during 1898-9 in the parishes and districts of London in which the Acts had been adopted is estimated at £72,772. The statutory rateable value of these parishes in force at April, 1898, was £20,825,435.

For the purposes of the Acts, library authorities may borrow money, but the sanction of the Local Government Board must first be obtained, and where the library authority is a board of commissioners with the sanction also of the vestry or district board. The total amount of loans borrowed up to the end of 1897-8 was £225,630, and the amount of loans outstanding on that date was £174,209.

#### *Assessment.*

The question of the assessment of public libraries was a vexed one for many years. The income of public libraries being limited by statute to a rate of one penny in the pound, the payment of large sums as rates and taxes had the effect of considerably limiting the sphere of usefulness of many libraries, and in 1897, consequent on the decision of the House of Lords in an appeal case by

the Manchester library authority, some of the assessment committees and overseers took the libraries in their respective districts out of assessment, or confined themselves to rating only those portions occupied by officers or servants. The question raised in this case was whether the Corporation of Manchester was liable to pay income tax under Schedule A in respect of their public libraries, the contention of the Corporation being that such libraries were "literary" institutions within the meaning of the Income Tax Act, 1842, which provides that allowances are to be made in respect of the duties in Schedule A " . . . on any building the property of any literary or scientific institution used solely for the purposes of such institution and in which no payment is made or demanded for any instruction there afforded by lectures or otherwise ; provided also that the said building be not occupied by any officer of such institution, nor by any person paying rent for the same."

The decision of the House of Lords was in favour of the contention of the Manchester Corporation, and not only provided for the future exemption of all public libraries from the payment of income tax, but also brought into prominence an Act of 1843 which provides that any land, houses or buildings belonging to any society instituted for purposes of science, literature or the fine arts exclusively, shall be exempt from the payment of any county, borough, parochial or other local rates, provided that such society shall be supported wholly or in part by annual voluntary contributions and shall not make any dividend, gift, division or bonus in money unto or between any of its members, and provided also that such society shall obtain a certificate from the Registrar of Friendly Societies. As stated above, this advantage some of the authorities were not slow in taking hold of, and as a consequence of their action the Council addressed a communication to the assessment committees acting for parishes in which free libraries were situate, intimating that the Council had served notices of objection to the omission of free libraries from the valuation lists of certain parishes, and suggesting that, in order to place all parishes on an equal footing, all free libraries might be omitted from assessment, the Council reserving the right to carry a test case to sessions if so advised. At the same time, the Council referred the whole case of the rateability to counsel, but their opinion was that the question was not free from doubt, and they suggested that a test case should be taken to the High Court. The Council, however, considered this an undesirable course, and decided that no further action should be taken for the present in the matter.

As far as the London public libraries are concerned, this arrangement as to local rates is fairly satisfactory, but their position as regards Imperial taxation is far from being so: In the clause of the Income Tax Act, 1842, quoted above, it is expressly stated that only those buildings are exempt from the payment of Schedule A duties which are not occupied by any officer or by any person paying rent for the same. As, however, rooms are provided at many libraries so that the librarian may reside on the premises, this provision in the clause is sufficient to disqualify such libraries from the enjoyment of the exemption.



**I. Public Baths and Washhouses.**—Return showing for each parish in the Administrative County of London in 1898, the number of occupiers of tenements of four rooms or less according to the census of 1891, and when open to the public, particulars of the charges and the accommodation provided, the extent to which such rateable value of each parish on 6th April, 1898, and an abstract of the accounts for 1897–8 in respect of the end of that year for the purpose of each establishment.

Parish served by baths, &c., and situation of baths.	Authority administering the Baths, &c., Acts.	Estimated population of parish, April, 1898.	Occupiers of tenements in parish, 1891.		Date of adoption of Baths, &c., Acts by parish.	Date of opening of baths, &c.	Accommodation.							
			Class of tenement occupied by one family.	Number of occupiers.			1st class.			2nd class.				
							Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.		
<b>Battersea—</b> Baths, Latchmere-road	Vestry of Battersea	169,406	1 room or less	6,910	Feb., 1879	June, 1889	Warm, 6d. Cold, 3d. (including soap)	12 M 7 F	16,541 M 583 F	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (including soap)	37 M 14 F	60,164 M 5,603 F		
			2 rooms	18,185										
			3 "	28,605										
			4 "	28,176										
								81,876						
<i>Site for</i> Baths and Washhouses, Battersea-park-road						...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
<b>Bermondsey—</b> Baths and Washhouses, Spa-road	Vestry of Bermondsey	84,632	1 room or less	7,833	Nov., 1851	July, 1854	Warm, 6d. Cold, 3d. (soap 1d. extra)	16 M 4 F	10,907 M 727 F	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. Scholars, 1d. (soap 1d. extra)	35 M 8 F	41,433 M 6,433 F		
			2 rooms	16,085										
			3 "	16,172										
			4 "	19,308				20	11,634		43	387 scholars		
				59,398								48,253		
<b>Bethnal-green—</b> <i>Site for</i> Baths and Washhouses, Cheshire-street	Vestry of Bethnal- green	126,698	1 room or less	17,211	July, 1895	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
			2 rooms	27,760										
			3 "	29,828										
			4 "	23,448										
				98,247										
<b>Bow—</b> Baths and Washhouses, 241, Roman-road	Vestry of Bow	41,643	[not ascertainable]		Oct., 1888	July, 1892	Warm, 6d. Mondays to Th'days, after 5 p.m., 4d. Cold, 3d. 12 tickets, 4s. Vapour, 1s. Warm spray, 9d. (including soap)	14 } 1 vapour } 4 F	16,802 } 14 va- pour } 83 } spray } 2,533 F	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. Warm spray, 4d. (soap, 1d. extra)	30 M 8 F	36,401 } 179 } spray } 11,177 F		
								19	19,432		38	47,757		
<b>Bromley</b> ... ..	Vestry of Bromley	69,730	[not ascertainable]		July, 1899	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		

which the Baths and Washhouses Acts have been adopted, the authority administering the Acts, the estimated population at the date when the Acts were adopted, and also showing as regards each establishment the date of opening, the hours of accommodation was made use of during the year 1897-8, and particulars of the water supply; together with the statutory provisions of the Baths and Washhouses Acts, and finally a statement of the loans that had been borrowed and were outstanding at the

public baths and washhouses.							
Baths.	Swimming baths.						
	1st class.		2nd class.		Hours during which swimming baths are open.	Hours during which swimming baths are open for females only.	Other particulars.
	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.			
<p><i>For males—</i>  April to October—  Sundays, 6-9.30 a.m.  Week-days, 6 a.m.-9.30 p.m.  November to March—  Sundays, 8-9.30 a.m.  Mondays to Thursdays, 12-8.45 p.m.  Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-8.45 p.m.  <i>For females—</i>  April to October—  Week-days, 12-8 p.m.  November to March—  Week-days, 3-7.45 p.m.</p>	<p>6d.  10 tickets, 4s.  100 club or school tickets, 25s.  Children under 14, Nov. to March, 3d. (including drawers or women's costume)</p>	<p>1st class bath—  12,418  322 club bathers  7,098 scholars  19,868</p>	<p>2d.  100 club tickets, 10s.  100 school tickets, 8s. 4d.  Children under 14, 1d. (including drawers or women's costume)</p>	<p>2nd class bath—  38,693  811 club bathers  6,704 scholars  46,118  Boys' bath—  43,744  12,019 scholars  55,763(a)</p>	<p>April to October—  1st, 2nd and boys' 2nd class baths—  Sundays, 6-9.30 a.m.  Week-days, 6 a.m.-9.30 p.m.  November to March—  Winter bath at 1st class charges—  Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays (same times as private baths)  Winter bath at 2nd class charges—  Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (same times as private baths)</p>	<p>April to October—  1st bath—  Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-8.30 p.m.  Boys' bath at 2nd class charges—  Tuesdays and Fridays, 6-9.30 p.m.  November to March—  Winter bath at 1st class charges—  Wednesdays, 5-8 p.m.</p>	<p>From April to October free instruction in swimming is given to bathers by an instructor and an instructor who are specially employed for this purpose.</p>
<p>May to October—  Sundays (<i>for males only</i>), 6-9 a.m. (September and October, 7-9 a.m.)  Mondays and Tuesdays, 6 a.m.-8.30 p.m.  Wednesdays to Saturdays, 6 a.m.-9.30 p.m.  November to April—  Mondays to Thursdays, 8 a.m.-8.30 p.m.  Fridays and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-9.30 p.m.</p>	<p>May to Oct., 4d.  25 tickets, 6s. 3d.  Club tickets, 3d. each  Nov. to April, 3d.  12 tickets, 2s.  Scholars, 1d. (including drawers; women's costume 1d. extra)</p>	<p>May-Oct.  6,194 M  452 F  1,050 club bathers  Nov.-Apr.  2,016 M  813 boys  10,525</p>	<p>2d.  Scholars, 1d. (including drawers; women's costume 1d. extra)</p>	<p>23,757 M  13,077 boys  36,834</p>	<p>May to October—  1st and 2nd baths—  [Same times as private baths]  November to April—  1st bath—  [Same times as private baths]</p>	<p>May to October—  1st bath at 1st class charges—  Wednesdays, 2-8 p.m.  1st bath at 2nd class charges—  Wednesdays, 8-9.30 p.m.</p>	<p>Free instruction in swimming is given to females by two instructresses who are specially employed for this purpose.</p>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<p>April to October—  Sundays, 7-10 a.m.  Mondays to Thursdays, 7 a.m.-9.30 p.m.  Fridays and Saturdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.  November to March—  Sundays, 8-10 a.m.  Mondays to Thursdays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.  Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.</p>	<p>6d., after 5 p.m.  4d.  Females after 3 p.m., 3d.  12 tickets, 4s.  100 club tickets, 25s.  Scholars before 6 p.m., 3d. (including drawers or women's costume)</p>	<p>10,225 M  463 F  10,688</p>	<p>Males, 2d.  100 club tickets, 8s. 4d.  Scholars before 6 p.m., 1d. (including drawers or women's costume)</p>	<p>43,960 M  1,595 F  45,555</p>	<p>April to October—  1st and 2nd baths—  [Same times as private baths]</p>	<p>April to October—  1st bath—  Thursdays, 10 a.m.-9.30 p.m.  2nd bath—  Mondays, 3.30-5 p.m.</p>	<p>Neither swimming bath is kept open during the winter season.</p>
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

(a) Battersea—The boys' bath is the bath that is opened during the winter season, consequently this figure would include all the 1st class winter bathers.

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## I.—Public Baths and

Parish and name of baths, &c.	Accommodation of public baths and washhouses—continued.					Water supply.			Statutory rateable value of parish, 6th April, 1893.	Ex	
	Laundry.					Source of supply.	Quantity used during 1897-8 in 1,000 gallons.	Charge by company per 1,000 gallons.		Buildings.	
	Charges.	Number of washing and drying compart- ments.	Washers during 1897-8.		Hours during which laundry is open.					Interest and repay- ment of loans.	Repairs, rates and taxes, &c.
			Number.	Number of hours used.							
Battersea— Letchmere-road Baths ...	...	...	...	...	...	Southwark and Vauxhall Com- pany [A private well is being con- structed]	16,376	6d.	£  892,361	£  1,525a	£  718
Battersea-park-road site	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Bermondsey— Bermondsey Baths, &c.	1½d. per hour	75	22,669	85,132	Week-days, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.	Southwark and Vauxhall Com- pany Private wells ...	8,539	6d.	427,839	333	466
							[Not ascer- tain- able]				
Bethnal-green— Cheshire-street site	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	452,976	—	—
Bow— Bow Baths, &c. ...	1½d. per hour	40	20,884	74,257	Saturdays, 8 a.m.- 6 p.m., other week- days 8 a.m.-8 p.m.	East London Company Private wells	11,245 5,200 16,445	4d.	160,721	2,962	731
Bromley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	245,969	—	—

(a) Battersea—£268 of this is in respect of loan of £5,000 borrowed for purchase of new site.



## Washhouses—(continued).

Abstract of accounts for 1897-8 in respect of baths, &c.											Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of baths, &c.			Loans outstanding at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
Expenditure.					Receipts in aid of expenditure.					Net expenditure falling on rates.					
Working expenses.			Special (where separately stated).	Total expenditure.	Tickets sold.		Sale of soap and soda, extra towels, &c.	Other.	Total receipts-in-aid.		Purchase of site.	Erection of buildings, machinery, &c.	Total.		
Fuel, gas, wels, soap, &c.	Water.	Salaries, wages and establishment.			Bath.	Laundry.									
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
492	419	1,370	—	4,524	1,978	—	24	34 a	2,036	2,488	—	21,700	21,700	15,670	This establishment was erected on a site belonging to the parish. During the winter season the first class swimming bath is fitted up as a gymnasium, the charges for which are 4d. from 11 a.m.—5 p.m. and 2d. from 5—10 p.m., including instruction. This scheme was only started in Jan., 1899. A loan of £1,380 has been sanctioned by the Local Government Board to defray cost of sinking well.  Loans to the amount of £34,370 have recently been borrowed for the erection of buildings. The proposed establishment will comprise one large swimming bath, a number of private baths, and a laundry with accommodation for 64 washers.
											5,000	—	5,000	4,900	
490	213	1,015	266	2,573	1,096	541	44	—	1,681	892	1,800	20,700	22,500	2,793	The debt outstanding is in respect of a loan of £6,000 borrowed in 1885 to defray cost of alterations.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	This site was acquired in Jan. 1898 at a cost of £3,149. Loans to the amount of £17,000 have been sanctioned by the Local Government Board to be borrowed. The establishment is now in course of erection and will comprise 45 private baths and a laundry with accommodation for 40 washers.
628	204	1,428	166c	6,119	1,360	493	76	47 d	1,976	4,143	4,600	37,400	42,000	30,307	The 1st class swimming bath is fitted up as a hall during the winter season, but is not licensed by the Council for music and dancing.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	...

(a) Battersea—Receipts from hire of hall for meetings.  
(c) Bow—"Hall account."

(b) Bermondsey—Salaries of two instructresses.  
(d) Bow—Receipts from letting of hall.

Parish served by baths, &c., and situation of baths.	Authority administering the Baths, &c., Acts.	Estimated population of parish, April, 1898.	Occupiers of tenements in parish, 1891.		Date of adoption of Baths, &c., Acts by parish.	Date of opening of baths, &c.	Accommodation					
							Private					
							1st class.			2nd class.		
			Class of tenement occupied by one family.	Number of occupiers.			Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.
<b>Camberwell—</b> Camberwell Baths and Washhouses, Church-street, Camberwell- green	Vestry of Cam- berwell	256,289	1 room or less	9,590	Oct., 1887	Oct., 1892	Warm, 6d. Cold, 3d. (soap, 1d. extra)	24 M 12 F <u>36</u>	34,449 M 3,559 F <u>38,008</u>	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (soap, 1d. extra)	39 M 18 F <u>57</u>	58,523 M 15,480 F <u>74,003</u>
Dulwich Baths, East Dulwich-road, Goose-green			2 rooms	20,675	Oct., 1887	June, 1892	Do.	16 M 8 F <u>24</u>	11,856 M 1,284 F <u>13,139</u>	Do.	24 M 12 F <u>36</u>	25,750 M 7,878 F <u>33,628</u>
			3 "	34,606								
			4 "	37,492								
				<u>102,363</u>								
Site for Baths and Washhouses, Old Kent-road						...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Chelsea—</b> Chelsea Baths, 171, King's-road	Commis- sioners	97,669	1 room or less	9,670	Dec., 1889	Feb., 1893	Warm, 6d. Cold, 3d. 12 tickets, 5s. (soap, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. extra)	12 M — F <u>12</u>	13,084 M	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (soap, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. extra)	32 M 12 F <u>44</u>	42,013 M 12,191 F <u>54,204</u>
			2 rooms	16,920	Dec., 1889	March, 1898	Warm, 4d. Cold, 2d. (soap, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. extra)	12 M — F <u>12</u>	...	Do.	23 M 16 F <u>39</u>	...
			3 "	14,589								
			4 "	13,106								
				<u>54,285</u>								
Kensal-town Baths, Wedlake-street, Kensal-road												
<b>Deptford, St. Paul—</b> Baths and Washhouses, Laurie-grove, New-cross-road	Vestry of St. Paul, Deptford	113,094	[not ascertainable]		Feb., 1889	April, 1898	Warm, 6d. Cold, 6d. 12 tickets, 5s. (soap, 1d. extra)	15 M 5 F <u>20</u>	...	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (soap, 1d. extra)	30 M 10 F <u>40</u>	...



## Public baths and washhouses—(continued).

Public baths and washhouses.

hs.	Swimming baths.						
Hours during which private baths are open.	1st class.		2nd class.		Hours during which swimming baths are open.	Hours during which swimming baths are open for females only.	Other particulars.
	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.			
<i>For males—</i> April to August— Sundays, 7-9.30 a.m. Week-days, 6 a.m.-9.30 p.m. April, May, September and October— Sundays, 7-9.30 a.m. Week-days, 7 a.m.-9.30 p.m. November to March— Week-days, 9 a.m.-9.30 p.m. <i>For females—</i> April to October— Week-days, 8 a.m.-9.30 p.m. November to March— Week-days, 9 a.m.-9.30 p.m.  Do.  ...	6d. 12 tickets, 5s. Club tickets, 5d. each. Scholars before 5.30 p.m., 3d. (including drawers; women's cos- tume, 1d. extra)	30,502	2d. Scholars before 8 a.m. and Wednesdays before 6 p.m., 1d. (drawers or women's costume, 1d. extra)	36,435 M 324 F 17,314 scholars <hr/> 54,073	April to October— 1st and 2nd baths— [Same times as private baths]	April to October— 1st bath— Thursdays, 12-9.30 p.m. 2nd bath— Tuesdays, 2-5.30 p.m.	Neither swim- ming bath is kept open dur- ing the winter season.
...	Do.	26,763	Do.	21,506 M 262 F 17,374 scholars <hr/> 39,142	Do.	April to October— 1st bath— Tuesdays, 12-9.30 p.m. 2nd bath— Thursdays, 2-5.30 p.m.	Do.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
April to October— Sundays, 7-10 a.m. Week-days, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. November to March— Saturdays, 9.30 a.m.-9 p.m., other week-days, 9.30 a.m.- 8 p.m.	6d. 12 tickets, 5s. 100 club tickets, £1 13s. 4d. 100 school tickets, (a) 16s. 8d. (including drawers; women's costume, 1d. extra)	12,225 M 616 F 3,652 scholars <hr/> 16,493	3d. 12 tickets, 2s. 6d. 100 club tickets, 16s. 8d. 100 school tickets, (a) 8s. 4d. (including drawers; women's cos- tume, 1d. extra)	28,436 M 1,376 F 15,722 scholars <hr/> 45,534	April to October— Men's 1st and 2nd baths— Sundays, 7-10 a.m., Week-days, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. November to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges— Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9.30 a.m.-8 p.m. Winter bath at 2nd class charges— Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.30 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturdays, 9.30 a.m.-9 p.m.	April to October— Women's bath at 1st class charges— Mondays, Wednes- days and Fridays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Women's bath at 2nd class charges— Tuesdays, Thurs- days and Satur- days, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. November to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges— Mondays and Fri- days, 3-6 p.m. Winter bath at 2nd class charges— Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-6 p.m.; Saturdays, 9.30 a.m.-12 noon.	An instructress is employed for teaching swim- ming to females at 2s. per lesson or 10s. 6d. for 6.
April to October— Sundays, 7-10 a.m. Week-days, 6.30 a.m.-10 p.m. November to March— Week-days, 10.30 a.m.-9 p.m.	Do.	...	Do. Boys on Sun- days (April to October), 2d.	...	Men's bath at 1st class charges— April to October— Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6.30 a.m.-12 noon November to March— Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10.30 a.m.-9 p.m. Men's bath at 2nd class charges— April to October— Sundays, 7-10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 12-10 p.m.; Tues- days, Thursdays and Sat- urdays, 6.30 a.m.-10 p.m. November to March— Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10.30 a.m.-9 p.m.	Women's bath— [Open throughout year at same times and at same charges as the men's bath, except that on Sun- days from April to October it is open to boys only]	...
May to September— Sundays, 7-9.30 a.m. Week-days, 6.30 a.m.-9 p.m. October to April— Sundays, 8-9.30 a.m. Week-days, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.	6d. 12 tickets, 5s. 100 club tickets, £1 13s. 4d. 100 school tickets, £1 5s. (including drawers; women's costume, 1d. extra)	...	2d. 100 school tickets, 8s. 4d. (including drawers; women's costume, 1d. extra)	...	May to September— 1st and 2nd baths— Sundays, 7-9.30 a.m. Week-days, 6.30 a.m.-9 p.m. October to April— 2nd bath at 1st class charges— Sundays, 8-9.30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. 2nd bath at 2nd class charges— Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 8 a.m.-9 p.m.	May to September— 1st bath— Thursdays, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. 2nd bath— Mondays, 12 noon- 5 p.m. October to April— 2nd bath at 2nd class charges— Mondays, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.	...

(a) Chelsea—School tickets are not available on Sundays, Saturdays after 12 noon, or on other week-days after 6 p.m.

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Parish and name of baths, &c.	Accommodation of public baths and washhouses—continued.					Water supply.			Statutory rateable value of parish, 6th April, 1898.	Buildings.	
	Charges.	Number of washing and drying compart- ments.	Washers during 1897-8.		Hours during which laundry is open.	Source of supply.	Quantity used during 1897-8 in 1,000 gallons.	Charge by company per 1,000 gallons.		Interest and repay- ment of loans.	
			Number.	Number of hours used.						Interest and repay- ment of loans.	Repairs rates and taxes &c.
<b>Camberwell—</b> Camberwell Baths, &c. ...	1½d. per hour	72	20,663	84,958	April to October— Week-days, except Saturdays, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. November to March— Week-days, except Saturdays, 9 a.m.- 8 p.m.	Southwark and Vauxhall Com- pany	10,330 9,525 19,855	6d. for swim- ming baths 7½d. for private baths and laundry	£	£	£
Dulwich Baths ...	...	...	...	...	...	do.	7,851 - 1,708 9,559	6d. for swim- ming baths 7½d. for private baths	1,176,079	4,630	45
Old Kent-road site	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
<b>Chelsea—</b> Chelsea Baths ...	...	...	...	...	...	Chelsea Com- pany	17,930	6d. less 5 per cent. discount if £500 is ex- ceeded	803,458	470	51
Kensal-town Baths ...	...	...	...	...	...	West Middlesex Company	...	6d. less 10 per cent. discount		1,699	
<b>Deptford, St. Paul—</b> Deptford Baths, &c. ...	1½d. per hour	23 washing and 20 drying compart- ments	...	...	Week-days, except Saturdays, 8.30 a.m.- 8 p.m.	Private wells	...	...	535,333	2,219	

(a) Chelsea—Including £135 for new washing machine.



shhouses—(continued).

Abstract of accounts for 1897-8 in respect of baths, &c.											Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of baths, &c.			Loans out-standing at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
Expenditure.					Receipts in aid of expenditure.					Net expenditure falling on rates.					
Working expenses.			Special (where separately stated).	Total expenditure.	Tickets sold.		Sale of soap and soda, extra towels, &c.	Other.	Total receipts-in-aid.		Purchase of site.	Erection of buildings, machinery, &c.	Total.		
Coal, gas, water, &c.	Water.	Salaries, wages and establishment.			Bath.	Laundry.									
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
17	820	2,516	263a	9,801	4,027	539	230	183b	4,979	4,822	4,100	62,350	66,450	51,350	<p>The total capital cost of these baths was £40,956.</p> <p>The 1st class swimming bath is fitted up as a hall during the winter season, but is not licensed by the Council for music and dancing.</p>
															<p>The total capital cost of these baths was £25,501.</p> <p>The 1st class swimming bath is fitted up as a hall during the winter season, but is not licensed by the Council for music and dancing.</p> <p>A loan of £6,590 has recently been borrowed for the purchase of this site.</p>
65	456	1,706	—	3,913	1,604	—	25	46	1,675	2,238	8,800		8,800	7,288	<p>These baths were originally worked by a private company. On purchase they were extended at a cost of £4,000, which was met by a special precept on the rates.</p>
	8	150	—	1,877	—	—	—	—	—	1,877	5,000	22,448	27,448	25,811	<p>In March, 1897, a special precept on the rates of £1,800 was received towards the erection of buildings, and in May, 1898, an additional loan of £2,775 was borrowed.</p>
1	—	255	—	2,500	—	—	—	57	57	2,443	7,500	39,395	46,895	44,697	<p>Since 1897-8 additional loans to the amount of £6,300 have been borrowed.</p>

(a) Camberwell—Entertainments, flooring, &amp;c., account.

(b) Camberwell—Including £161 receipts from hall account.

Parish served by baths, &c., and situation of baths.	Authority administering the Baths, &c., Acts.	Estimated population of parish, April, 1898.	Occupiers of tenements in parish, 1891.		Date of adoption of Baths, &c., Acts by parish.	Date of opening of baths, &c.	Accommodation					
			Class of tenement occupied by one family.	Number of occupiers.			Private					
							1st class.			2nd class.		
							Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.
<b>Fulham—</b> <i>Site for Baths and Washhouses, Melmoth-place, Fulham</i>	Vestry of Fulham	120,335	1 room or less 2 rooms ... 3 " ... 4 " ...  <u>51,244</u>	4,526 10,679 20,944 15,095	Nov., 1895	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Greenwich—</b> Baths and Washhouses, London-street, Greenwich	Vestry of Greenwich	64,235	[not ascertainable]		Dec., 1849	Sept., 1851	Warm, 6d. Cold, 3d. 15 tickets, 5s. Annual ticket, 31s. 6d. <i>Without towels—</i> Warm, 4d., 15 tickets, 4s. (soap 1d. extra)	13 M 4 F <u>17</u>	15,721 M 1,414 F <u>17,135 (a)</u>	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (soap 1d. extra)	20 M 6 F <u>26</u>	31,150 M 3,201 F <u>34,351</u>
<b>Hackney—</b> Baths, Lower Clapton-road	Vestry of Hackney	216,368	[not ascertainable]		July, 1891	Feb., 1897	Warm 6d. Cold, 3d. Vapour, 6d. 12 tickets, 5s. (including soap)	15 } 1 va- } M pour } 7 } 1 va- } F pour } <u>24</u>	25,161 M 4,519 F <u>29,680 (b)</u>	Warm, 2d. (including soap) Cold, 1d. (soap ½d. extra)	40 M 20 F <u>60</u>	60,902 M 25,020 F <u>85,922</u>
<b>Hampstead—</b> Baths, 175, Finchley-road	Vestry of Hampstead	79,706	1 room or less 2 rooms ... 3 " ... 4 " ...  <u>19,956</u>	2,304 6,648 6,721 4,283	Aug., 1883	June, 1888	Warm, 6d. Cold, 3d. Vapour, 1s. (soap 1d. extra)	12 } 2 va- } M pour } 6 F <u>20</u>	4,733 } 202 va- } M pour } 609 F <u>5,544</u>	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (soap 1d. extra)	17 M 11 F <u>28</u>	10,139 M 2,029 F <u>12,168</u>

(a) Greenwich—In addition to these bathers there were 3,764 who used annual tickets and 1,773 who used book tickets. No record is kept of the proportion of such bathers using the private or the swimming baths.

(b) Hackney—In addition to these bathers there were 4,655 who used book tickets. No record is kept of the proportion of such bathers using the private or the swimming baths.



Washhouses—(continued).

public baths and washhouses.

Baths.	Swimming baths.						
	1st class.		2nd class.		Hours during which swimming baths are open.	Hours during which swimming baths are open for females only.	Other particulars.
Hours during which private baths are open.	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.			
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
May to September— Sundays, 6-9 a.m. Saturdays, 6 a.m.-10 p.m., other week-days, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. October to April— Saturdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m., other week-days, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.	6d. 15 tickets, 5s. Annual ticket, 31s. 6d., for boys under 15, 15s. Without towels— 4d. 15 tickets, 4s., for children under 15, 2s. 6d. Club tickets, 3d. each. Scholars, 2d. Annual ticket, 21s. (drawers or women's costume, 1d. extra)	2,734 M 94 F 4,927 club bathers 3,730 scholars <u>11,485 (a)</u>	2d. Scholars, 1d. (including drawers)	15,610 M 14,100 scholars <u>29,710</u>	May to September— 1st and 2nd baths— Sundays, 6-9 a.m. Saturdays, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; other week-days, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. October to April— 1st bath at 1st class charges— Week-days, 7 a.m.-dusk.	May to September— 1st bath at 1st class charges— Tuesday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.	...
March to October— Sundays, 7-10.30 a.m. Week-days, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. November to February— Sundays, 8-10.30 a.m. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., other week-days, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.  [The 1st class women's baths are appropriated on Sundays as additional baths for the use of males.]	6d. 12 tickets, 5s. Club tickets, 4d. each. 100 school tickets, 25s. (including drawers or women's costume)	59,234 M 4,588 F <u>63,822 (b)</u>	2d. 100 school tickets, 12s. 6d. Elementary scholars, 1d. (including drawers or women's costume)	143,275 M 27,566 F <u>170,841</u>	March to October— Men's 1st and 2nd baths— Sundays, 7-10.30 a.m. Week-days, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. November to February— Winter bath at 1st class charges for males only— Sundays, 8-10.30 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Winter bath at 2nd class charges for males only— Mondays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.	March to October— Women's bath at 1st class charges— Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Women's bath at 2nd class charges— Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. November to February— Winter bath at 1st class charges— Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Winter bath at 2nd class charges— Wednesdays, 3-9 p.m.	The women's bath on Sundays from March to October is utilised as an additional 1st class bath for males.
For males— June to August— Sundays, 6-9 a.m. Week-days, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. April, May and September— Sundays, 7-9 a.m. Week-days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. October to March— Week-days, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. For females— January to December— Week-days, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.	April—Sept., 8d. Oct.—March, 6d. 10 tickets, 5s. 200 tickets, 95s. (including drawers; women's costume, 1d. extra)	21,565 M 6,771 F <u>28,336</u>	Tuesdays and Fridays, 2d., other days, 4d. 50 tickets, 12s. 6d. (c) 100 tickets, 21s. (c) 250 tickets, 47s. 6d. (c) 500 tickets, 83s. 4d. (c) (including drawers; women's costume, 1d. extra)	33,147 M 2,515 F <u>35,662</u>	April to September— Men's 1st and 2nd baths— [Same times as private baths] October to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges— Week-days, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.	April to September— Women's 1st and 2nd baths— Week-days, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. October to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges— Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Instructors are employed for teaching swimming at 2s. per lesson or 16s. for 10 in 1st class baths, and 1s. 6d. per lesson or 12s. 6d. for 10 in 2nd class baths.

(a) and (b)—See notes on opposite page.

(c) Hampstead—Serial tickets for 2nd class baths are not available on Sundays.

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Parish and name of baths, &c.	Accommodation of public baths and washhouses—continued.					Water supply.			Statutory rateable value of parish, 6th April, 1898.	Buildings.	
	Laundry.					Source of supply.	Quantity used during 1897-8 in 1,000 gallons.	Charge by company per 1,000 gallons.		Interest and repay- ment of loans.	Repairs, rates and taxes, &c.
	Charges.	Number of washing and drying compart- ments.	Washers during 1897-8.		Hours during which laundry is open.						
			Number.	Number of hours used.							
<b>Fulham—</b> Melmoth-place site ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£ 612,039	£ —	£ —
<b>Greenwich—</b> Greenwich baths, &c. ...	1 hour, 1d. 2 hours, 2d. 2½ hours, 3d. 1½d. per ½ hour following up to 5½ hours, 1s. 2d. per ½ hour following up to 8 hours, 1s. 10d. 3d. per ½ hour following	16	4,233	9,220	Week days, 8 a.m.— 7 p.m.	Private wells	33,200	...	329,187	184	249
<b>Hackney—</b> Hackney baths ...	...	...	...	...	...	East London Company	32,000	6d.	1,077,541	3,499	300
<b>Hampstead—</b> Hampstead baths ...	...	...	...	...	...	West Middlesex Company	16,709	6d., less 10 per cent. discount	824,666	1,325	434



Bathhouses—(continued).

Abstract of accounts for 1897-8 in respect of baths, &c.											Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of baths, &c.			Loans out-standing at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
Expenditure.					Receipts in aid of expenditure.					Net expenditure falling on rates.	Purchase of site.	Erection of buildings, machinery, &c.	Total.		
Working expenses.			Special (where separately stated).	Total expenditure.	Tickets sold.		Sale of soap and soda, extra towels, &c.	Other.	Total receipts-in-aid.						
Salaries, wages, &c.	Water.	Salaries, wages, and establishment.			Bath.	Laundry.									
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
—	—	32	—	32	—	—	—	—	—	32	—	—	—	—	A loan of £10,250 has recently been borrowed for the purchase of this site. The proposed establishment will comprise two men's and one women's swimming baths, about 80 private baths and a public laundry.
439	—	859	—	1,731	1,048	47	57	14	1,166	565	13,000		13,000	690	The debt outstanding is in respect of loans of £1,000 and £500 borrowed in 1892 and 1893, respectively, for the purpose of alterations.
374	802	2,271	—	9,246	4,114	—	10	51	4,175	5,071	4,700	59,620	64,320	58,600	...
287	386	772	197 <sup>a</sup>	3,401	1,435	—	35	646 <sup>b</sup>	2,116	1,285	2,700	29,000	31,700	22,639	There is an annual ground rent of £50 on portion of the site occupied by these baths. During the winter season the men's 1st class and women's 1st class swimming baths are fitted up as gymnasiums.

(a) Hampstead—Including £79 salaries of male and female swimming instructors and £118 gymnasium expenses.

(b) Hampstead—Including £135 swimming instruction fees and £403 gymnasium receipts.

Parish served by baths, &c., and situation of baths.	Authority administering the Baths, &c., Acts.	Estimated population of parish, April, 1898.	Occupiers of tenements in parish, 1891.		Date of adoption of Baths, &c., Acts by parish.	Date of opening of baths, &c.	Accommodation									
			Class of tenement occupied by one family.	Number of occupiers.			1st class.			2nd class.						
							Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.				
Islington— Baths and Washhouses, (a) Caledonian-road.	Vestry of Islington	339,423	1 room or less	28,189	July, 1889	May, 1892	Warm, 6d. Cold, 3d. (including soap)	17 M 5 F	3,914 M 305 F	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (soap, 1d. extra)	51 M 16 F	16,898 2,091				
			2 rooms	60,639												
			3 "	49,762												
			4 "	41,740												
Baths and Washhouses, Hornsey-road.				180,330		July, 1892	Do. Cold shower, 3d.	18 M 10 F	31,923 M 3,727 F	Do. Cold shower, 1d.	54 M 23 F	52,147 17,800				
								22	4,219		67	18,989				
								28	35,650		77	69,947				
Baths and Washhouses, Tibberton-square.						April, 1895	Do.	18 M 10 F	20,835 M 3,572 F	Do.	40 M 23 F	61,358 25,517				
								28	24,407		63	86,875				
Kensington— Baths and Washhouses, Lancaster-road, North Kensington.	Commis- sioners	170,251	1 room or less	13,727	May, 1878	April, 1888	Warm, 6d. Cold, 3d. (soap, 1d. extra)	13 M 7 F	9,242 M 1,099 F	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (soap, 1d. extra)	34 M 20 F	37,375 8,455				
			2 rooms	26,020												
			3 "	18,119												
			4 "	12,924				20	10,341		54	45,830				
				70,790												
Lambeth— Baths and Washhouses, Kennington-road	Vestry of Lambeth	298,106	1 room or less	22,674	Nov., 1890	Swim- ming baths. July, '97 Private baths— 1st class. Dec., '97 Men's 2nd, Jan., '98 Women's 2nd, M'ch., '98 Laun- dry, June, '98	Warm, 6d. Cold, 3d. 12 tickets, 5s. (including soap)	19 M 11 F	3,639 M 296 F	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (including soap)	44 M 20 F	2,298 M 53 F				
			2 rooms	38,395												
			3 "	41,859												
			4 "	40,796				30	3,935		64	2,351				
				143,724												

(a) Islington—The Caledonian-road establishment was closed for alterations and extensions during a great portion of 1897.



bhouses—(continued).

blic baths and washhouses.

Swimming baths.							
Hours during which private baths are open.	1st class.		2nd class.		Hours during which swimming baths are open.	Hours during which swimming baths are open for females only.	Other particulars.
	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.			
to August— Week-days, 7-10 a.m. Sundays, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. April, September and October— Week-days, 7-10 a.m. Sundays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Other week-days, 7 a.m.- p.m. November to February— Week-days, 8-10 a.m. Sundays, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Other week-days, 8 a.m.- p.m.	6d. 12 tickets, 4s. 6d. 100 children's tickets, 25s. (including drawers; women's costume, 2d. extra)	14,903 M 204 F  15,107	2d. 100 children's tickets, 8s. 4d. (including drawers; women's costume, 1d. extra)	36,025 M 6,280 F  42,305	April to October— Men's 1st and 2nd baths— [Same times as private baths] November to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges for males only— Sundays, 8-10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Winter bath at 2nd class charges for males only— Saturdays, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.	April to October— Women's bath at 1st class charges— Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays (same times as private baths) Women's bath at 2nd class charges— Wednesdays, Fri- days and Satur- days (same times as private baths) November to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges— Thursdays, 8 a.m.- 9 p.m. Winter bath at 2nd class charges— Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.	...
Do.	Do.	63,390 M 6,387 F  69,777	Do.	77,955 M 17,887 F  95,842	April to October— [Same as at Caledonian- road establishment] November to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges for males only— Sundays, 8-10 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m.-to 9 p.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m.-to 10 p.m.	April to October— [Same as at Caledo- nian-road establish- ment] November to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges— Mondays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Winter bath at 2nd class charges— Thursdays, 8 a.m.- 9 p.m.	An instructor is employed for teaching swim- ming at 6d. per lesson or 2s. 6d. per hour to clubs or schools in 1st bath and 2s. per hour in 2nd bath.
Do.	Do.	21,747 M 2,264 F  24,011	Do.	71,759 M 12,023 F  83,782	April to October— [Same as at Caledonian- road establishment] November to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges for males only— Sundays, 8-10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Winter bath at 2nd class charges for males only— Wednesdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.	April to October— [Same as at Caledo- nian-road establish- ment] November to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges— Thursdays, 8 a.m.- 9 p.m. Winter bath at 2nd class charges— Fridays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.	...
For males— to August— Week-days, 6.30-9 a.m. Week-days, 6.30 a.m.-9 p.m. (September and October— Week-days, 7-9 a.m. Week-days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. November to March— Week-days, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Other week-days, 8 a.m.- p.m. For females— to August— Week-days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. November to April— Week-days, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Other week-days, 8 a.m.- p.m.	8d. 10 tickets, 5s. 50 tickets, 20s. 10d. (including drawers or women's costume)	12,085 M 3,779 F  15,864	2nd class— 4d. 10 tickets, 2s. 6d. 100 tickets, 20s. 10d. (including drawers)  3rd class— 2d. Scholars, 1d.	17,556 M   21,266 M	April to October— Men's 1st, 2nd and 3rd baths— [Same times as private baths.] November to March— Men's 2nd bath at 1st class charges— Saturdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; other week-days, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.	Women's bath at 1st class charges— May to August— Week-days, 7 a.m.- 9 p.m. April and October— Saturdays, 8 a.m.- 9 p.m.; other week-days, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.	...
(Middle of) April to (middle of) October— Sundays, 7-9 a.m. Week-days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Rest of year— Week-days, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. For females— January to December— Week-days, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.	6d. Scholars, 3d. (a) 12 tickets, 5s. 100 club tickets, 33s. 4d. (including drawers or women's costume)	13,866 M 585 F  14,451	2d. Scholars, 1d. (a) (drawers ½d. and women's costume 1d. extra)	29,801 M 2,847 F  32,648	(Middle of) April to (middle of) October— Men's 1st and 2nd baths— Sundays, 7-9 a.m. Week-days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Rest of year— Winter bath at 1st class charges for males only— Mondays, Tuesdays, Fri- days and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.	(Middle of) April to (middle of) October— Women's bath at 1st class charges— Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Women's bath at 2nd class charges— Wednesdays, Fri- days and Satur- days, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Rest of year— Winter bath at 1st class charges— Thursdays, 8 a.m.- 9 p.m. Winter bath at 2nd class charges— Wednesdays, 8 a.m.- 9 p.m.	...

(a) Lambeth—Scholars are only admitted at these charges up to 12 noon on Saturdays and 5 p.m. on other week-days.

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Parish and name of baths, &c.	Accommodation of public baths and washhouses—continued.					Water supply.			Statutory rateable value of parish, 6th April, 1898.	Buildings.	
	Charges.	Number of washing and drying compart- ments.	Washers during 1897-8.		Hours during which laundry is open.	Source of supply.	Quantity used during 1897-8 in 1,000 gallons.	Charge by company per 1,000 gallons.		Interest and repay- ment of loans.	
			Number.	Number of hours used.						Interest and repay- ment of loans.	Repair rates and tax &c.
<b>Islington—</b> Caledonian-road Baths, &c.	1st hour 1d. 2nd hour 1½d. and 2d. per hour following.	72	5,771	14,137	Week days, 8 a.m.— 8 p.m.	New River Company.	11,197	7½d.	£	£	£
									1,799,033	7,810	1,67
Hornsey-road Baths, &c.	Do.	49	29,976	81,580	Do.	New River Company [Two private wells have recently been constructed]	38,664	7½d.			
Tibberton-square Baths, &c.	Do.	65	65,336	147,500	Do.	New River Company.	23,829	7½d.			
<b>Kensington—</b> Kensington Baths, &c. ...	1½d. per hour	60 washing and 55 drying compart- ments	64,347	144,385	Week days, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.	Grand Junction Company.	23,489	6d.	2,107,991	3,414	61
<b>Lambeth—</b> Lambeth Baths, &c. ...	1½d. per hour	64	...	...	Saturdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. ; other week- days, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.	Lambeth Com- pany Private wells	7,229 ... 7,220	6d.	1,701,786	2,405a	2

(a) Lambeth—Including £374, interest and repayment in respect of loan on the Ferndale-road site. (See note in last column.)



ashhouses—(continued).

Abstract of accounts for 1897-8 in respect of baths, &c.											Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of baths, &c.			Loans out-standing at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
Expenditure.					Receipts in aid of expenditure.					Net expenditure falling on rates.					
Working expenses.			Special (where separately stated).	Total expenditure.	Tickets sold.		Sale of soap and soda, extra towels, &c.	Other.	Total receipts-in-aid.		Purchase of site.	Erection of buildings, machinery, &c.	Total.		
Coal, gas, oil, &c.	Water.	Salaries, wages and establishment.			Bath.	Laundry.									
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		
2,839	2,323	5,133	60	19,842	6,749	1,453	141	212	8,555	11,287	8,000	29,650	37,650	32,930	The total capital outlay on these baths up to the end of 1898-9 was £48,591. The 1st class swimming bath is fitted up as a hall during the winter season, and is licensed by the Council to be used for music and dancing.
											6,000	33,700	39,700	31,100	The total capital outlay on these baths up to the end of 1898-9 was £38,556. An additional women's swimming bath and 37 additional private baths are being added to this establishment. For this purpose additional loans to the amount of £23,764 have been borrowed.
											11,250	28,250	39,500	34,240	The total capital outlay on these baths up to the end of 1898-9 was £43,509.
950	593	1,780	—	7,358	1,441	920	40	16	2,417	4,941	13,500	46,200	59,700	38,215	...
142	105	728	—	3,409	711	—	8	238	957	2,452	14,350	40,000	54,350	53,429	In addition to the debt outstanding at the end of 1897-8 shown here, there was an amount of £7,498 outstanding in respect of a loan of £8,000 borrowed in 1892 for the purchase of a private swimming-bath in Ferndale-road, Brixton. It was subsequently decided that this site was not sufficiently central, and the premises have recently been sold to the Technical Education Board for £4,000, on condition that they were to be utilised as a technical institute. The 1st class swimming bath is fitted up as a hall during the winter season, and is licensed by the Council to be used for music and dancing.

Parish served by baths, &c., and situation of baths.	Authority administering the Baths, &c., Acts.	Estimated population of parish, April, 1898.	Occupiers of tenements in parish, 1891.		Date of adoption of Baths, &c., Acts by parish.	Date of opening of baths, &c.	Accommodation					
			Class of tenement occupied by one family.	Number of occupiers.			Private					
							1st class.			2nd class.		
Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.							
<b>Lewisham—</b> Ladywell Baths, Ladywell-road, Lewisham												
Vestry of Lewisham	91,793	[not ascertainable]	Oct., 1882	April, 1885	Warm, 6d. Cold, 6d. 12 tickets, 5s. (soap, 1d. extra)	5 M 4 F 9	4,104 M 1,014 F 5,118	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (soap, 1d. extra)	11 M 8 F 19	12,212 M 2,879 F 15,091		
				May, 1885	Do.	5 M 4 F 9	1,890 M 267 F 2,157	Do.	11 M 8 F 19	7,870 M 1,535 F 9,405		
<b>Newington—</b> Baths and Washhouses, Manor-place, Walworth												
Vestry of Newington	120,922	1 room or less 2 rooms 3 " 4 " 80,726	11,893 22,293 23,811 22,729 80,726	Oct., 1891	March, 1898	Warm, 6d. Cold, 3d. 12 tickets, 5s. Annual ticket (a), 21s., for children under 15. 1s. (including soap)	16 M 5 F 21	...	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (including soap)	30 M 8 F 38	...	
<b>Paddington—</b> Baths and Washhouses, Queen's-road, Bayswater												
Vestry of Paddington	123,974	1 room or less 2 rooms 3 " 4 " 58,098	9,676 19,589 19,009 9,824 58,098	April, 1871	May, 1874	Warm or warm shower, 6d. Cold or cold shower, 3d. (soap, 1d. extra)	28 M 10 F 38	26,749	Warm or warm shower, 2d. Cold or cold shower, 1d. (soap, 1d. extra)	46 M 12 F 58	68,135	
<b>Plumstead</b> ... (The appointment of Commissioners has been allowed to lapse, on the ground that the price asked for land in the parish was too exorbitant)												
...	61,832	[not ascertainable]		July, 1890	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

(a) Newington—Annual tickets are available for either private or swimming baths.



washhouses—(continued).

public baths and washhouses.

Baths.	Swimming baths.						
Hours during which private baths are open.	1st class.		2nd class.		Hours during which swimming baths are open.	Hours during which swimming baths are open for females only.	Other particulars.
	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.			
(Middle of) April to (middle of) October— For males— Sundays, 6-9 a.m. Saturdays, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; other week-days, 6 a.m.- 9 p.m. For females— Saturdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; other week-days, 7 a.m.- 9 p.m. For both sexes— Saturdays, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.  Do.	6d. 12 tickets, 5s. Children, 4d. Club or school bathers, 4d. Season ticket for men, 21s., for females and children (a), 10s. 6d. (drawers or women's costume, 1d. extra)  Do.	19,999 M 2,735 F  22,734   12,878 M 2,342 F  15,220	2d. Scholars, 1d. (drawers or women's costume, 1d. extra)  Do.	15,371 M — F 15,371   11,962 M — F 11,962	(Middle of) April to (middle of) October— 1st and 2nd baths— Sundays, 6-9 a.m. Saturdays, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; other week-days, 6 a.m.- 9 p.m.  Do.	(Middle of) April to (middle of) October— 1st bath— Tuesdays, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m.- 9 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 2nd bath— Wednesdays, 3-6 p.m.  (Middle of) April to (middle of) October— 1st bath— Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 2nd bath— Fridays, 3-6 p.m.	Neither swim- ming bath is kept open dur- ing the winter season.  Do.
April to September— Sundays, 6.30-9.30 a.m. Week-days, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. October to March— Sundays, 7.30-9.30 a.m. Week-days, 7.30 a.m.-9.30 p.m.	6d. 12 tickets, 5s. Club tickets, 4d. each. 50 school tickets, 12s. 6d. (b) Season ticket, 15s., for children under 15, 10s. 6d. Annual ticket (c), 21s., for children under 15, 15s. (including drawers; women's costume, 1d. extra)	...	2d. 12 tickets for boys' or girls' homes, church brigades, &c., 1s. 6d. 50 school tickets, 4s. 2d. (b) (including drawers; women's costume, 1d. extra)	...	April to September— Men's 1st and 2nd baths— [Same times as private baths] October to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges for males only— Sundays, and Wednesdays to Saturdays (same times as private baths) Men's 2nd bath— [Same times as private baths]	April to September— Women's bath at 1st class charges— Mondays to Wednes- days, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Women's bath at 2nd class charges— Sundays, 6.30-9.30 a.m. Thursdays to Satur- days, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. October to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges— Mondays, 7.30 a.m.- 9.30 p.m. Winter bath at 2nd class charges— Tuesdays, 7.30 a.m., 9.30 p.m.	...
For males— May to August— Sundays, 6.30-9 a.m. Week-days, 6.30 a.m.-9 p.m. April, September and October— Sundays, 7-9 a.m. Week-days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. November to March— Fridays and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; other week- days, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. For females— April to September— Week-days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. October to March— Week-days, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.	6d., for females on Saturdays after 4 p.m. and on Thursdays during winter, 4d. 10 tickets, 4s. 2d., for girls under 15 (d), 2s. 6d., 50 tickets, £1. 100 club or school tickets, £1 13s. 4d. (including drawers or wo- men's costume)	24,370	2nd class— 3d. 50 tickets, 10s. 100 club or school tickets, 16s. 8d. (including drawers) 3rd class— 2d. 10 tickets, 1s. 3d. 100 school tickets, 8s. 4d. (drawers not included)	21,046 M   24,457 M	April to October— Men's 1st, 2nd and 3rd baths— [Same times as private baths] November to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges— Fridays and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; other week- days, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.	April to October— Women's bath at 1st class charges— [Same times as private baths] November to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges— Tuesdays and Satur- days, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays, 6-30 - 8 p.m.	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

(a) Lewisham—Season tickets for children are not available at the Forest-hill Baths after 7 p.m.

(b) Newington—School tickets are only available between the hours of 10 and 5.

(c) Newington—Annual tickets are available for either private or swimming baths.

(d) Paddington—These tickets for girls are only available after 6.30 p.m.

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Parish and name of baths, &c.	Accommodation of public baths and washhouses— <i>continued</i> .					Water supply.			Statutory rateable value of parish, 6th April, 1898.	Buildings.	
	Laundry.					Source of supply.	Quantity used during 1897-8 in 1,000 gallons.	Charge by company per 1,000 gallons.		Interest and repay- ment of loans.	Repairs, rates and taxes &c.
	Charges.	Number of washing and drying compart- ments.	Washers during 1897-8.		Hours during which laundry is open.						
			Number.	Number of hours used.							
Lewisham— Ladywell Baths ...	...	...	...	...	...	Kent Company Private well	2,154 4,928 <u>7,082(a)</u>	7½d.	£  560,617	£  1,637	£  433
Forest-hill Baths ...	...	...	...	...	...	Lambeth Com- pany	5,465(a)	8d.			
Newington— Newington Baths, &c. ...	1½d. per hour	72	...	...	Weekdays, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.	Lambeth Com- pany Private wells	... ...	6d.	499,516	2,295	243
Paddington— Paddington Baths, &c....	1½d. per hour	50	15,680	76,900	Week-days, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.	Grand Junction Company	21,027	6d.	1,330,505	3,235	535
Plumstead ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	221,976	—	—

(a) Lewisham—These figures are in respect of the period 18th April to 15th October, 1898.



shhouses—(continued).

Abstract of accounts for 1897-8 in respect of baths, &c.											Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of baths, &c.			Loans outstanding at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
Expenditure.				Receipts in aid of expenditure.					Net expenditure falling on rates.	Purchase of site.	Erection of buildings, machinery, &c.	Total.			
Working expenses.			Special (where separately stated).	Total expenditure.	Tickets sold.		Sale of soap and soda, extra towels, &c.	Other.					Total receipts-in-aid.		
Salaries, wages, and establishment.	Water.	Other.			Bath.	Laundry.									
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
16	343	871	25	3,625	1,222	—	51	151	1,424	2,201	1,083	27,117	28,200	15,427	The total capital cost of these baths was £14,582. The 1st class swimming bath is fitted up as a hall during the winter season, and is licensed by the Council to be used for music and dancing.  The total capital cost of these baths was £13,801.
99	21	319	—	2,977	—	—	—	—	—	2,977 <sup>a</sup>	—	40,000	40,000	37,867	
98	532	1,532	182 <sup>b</sup>	6,714	2,337	486	74	470 <sup>c</sup>	3,367	3,347	9,000	39,500	500	11,734	The 1st class swimming bath is fitted up as a hall during the winter season. The plans have been approved by the Council and a licence for music and dancing is now being applied for.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	...

(a) Newington—The actual amount levied in 1897-8 for purposes of the baths was £3,900; the balance in excess of the amount shown here as falling rates was devoted to expenditure of a capital nature.

(b) Paddington—Including £18 for removing hall floor and £164 for provision of gallery to 1st class bath.

(c) Paddington—Including £260 for hire of hall, £47 for rent of rooms, and £163 other receipts.

Parish served by baths, &c., and situation of baths.	Authority administering the Baths, &c., Acts.	Estimated population of parish, April, 1898.	Occupiers of tenements in parish, 1891.		Date of adoption of Baths, &c., Acts by parish.	Date of opening of baths, &c.	Accommodation					
			Class of tenement occupied by one family.	Number of occupiers.			1st class.			2nd class.		
							Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.
<b>Poplar—</b> Baths and Washhouses, East India Dock-road, Poplar   <												

(a) Poplar—Monthly and season tickets for women are available for either private or swimming baths, except for the private baths on Saturdays or Sunday.

(b) Poplar—Annual tickets are available for either private or swimming baths.

(c) Poplar—This is a superior bath in which the supply of water is under the control of the bather.

washhouses—(continued).

public baths and washhouses.

Baths.	Swimming baths.						
Hours during which private baths are open.	1st class.		2nd class.		Hours during which swimming baths are open.	Hours during which swimming baths are open for females only.	Other particulars.
	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.			
June to September— Sundays, 7-10 a.m. Week-days, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. May— Week-days, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. April and October— Week-days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. March— Week-days, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. November to February— Week-days, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. On Saturdays the baths are open till 10 p.m. throughout the year]	6d. Scholars, 3d. 20 club tickets, 4s. 26 school tickets (a), 4s. Monthly ticket (b), 3s. Season ticket (April-Sept.) for women (b), 10s., for school boys (a), 5s. Annual tickets (c), 21s. (drawers or women's costume, 1d. extra) —	6,076 M 120 F 4,474 children  10,670	2d. Scholars before 2 p.m., 1d. (drawers 1d. extra)	17,722 M 10,394 boys  28,116	April to September— 1st and 2nd baths— [Same times as private baths] October to March— 1st bath— [Same times as private baths]	1st bath at 1st class charges— May to September— Thursdays, 6 a.m.- 8 p.m. April and October— Thursdays, 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. November to March— Thursdays, 9 a.m.- 8 p.m.	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
May to October— Sundays, 7-9 a.m. Saturdays, 7 a.m.-9.30 p.m., other week-days, 7 a.m.- 9 p.m. November to April— Saturdays, 8 a.m.-9.30 p.m., other week-days, 8 a.m.- 8.30 p.m.	4d. 25 tickets, 6s. 3d. (drawers or women's cos- tume, 1d. extra)	13,256 M 22 F  13,278	2d. 100 tickets, 11s. 100 school tickets, 8s. 4d. (drawers or women's cos- tume, 1d. extra)	50,849 M	May to October— 1st and 2nd baths— Sundays, 7-9 a.m. Saturdays, 7 a.m.-9.30 p.m.; other weekdays, 7 a.m.- 9 p.m. November to April— 1st bath— Saturdays, 8 a.m.-9.30 p.m.; other weekdays, 8 a.m.- 8.30 p.m.	May to October— 1st bath— Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-12 noon Thursdays, 6-9 p.m. 2nd bath— Wednesdays, 2-5 p.m. (for girls) and 5-9 p.m. (for women) November to April— 1st bath— Thursdays, 6-8.30 p.m.	From May to October free instruction in swimming is given to fe- males on Thurs- days from 6-9 p.m. and Wed- nesdays from 5- 9 p.m.; on Tues- days a charge of 6d. per les- son is made.
May to August— Sundays, 7-9 a.m. Week-days, 6 a.m.-9.30 p.m. March, April, September and October— Sundays, 7.30-9 a.m. Week-days, 7.30 a.m.-9 p.m. November to February— Week-days, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.	4d. 100 tickets, 25s. (drawers 1d. extra; women's costume not provided)	3,594 M 105 F 2,774 club bathers  6,473	2d. 100 school tickets, 8s. 4d. (d) (drawers, 1d. extra)	13,236 M 9,686 scholars  22,922	April to October— Bath at 1st class charges— Sundays to Thursdays (same times as private baths) Bath at 2nd class charges— Wednesdays (for boys only), 12-2 p.m. Fridays (e) and Saturdays (same times as private baths)	April to October— Bath at 1st class charges— Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m. Bath at 2nd class charges for school- girls only— Fridays, 1.40-5 p.m.	The swimming bath is not kept open during the winter season.

(a) Poplar—These tickets are not available for schoolboys on Sundays or any evening after 6 p.m.

(b) Poplar—Monthly tickets for men are not available on Sundays or Thursdays; with respect to monthly or season tickets for women see note (a) on opposite page.

(c) Poplar—Annual tickets are available for either private or swimming baths.

(d) St. George-in-the-East—These tickets are only available for boys on Wednesdays, on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m.

(e) St. George-in-the-East—The bath is reserved for boys only on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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Parish and name of baths, &c.	Accommodation of public baths and washhouses—continued.					Water supply.			Statutory rateable value of parish, 6th April, 1898.	Buildings.	
	Laundry.				Hours during which laundry is open.	Source of supply.	Quantity used during 1897-8 in 1,000 gallons.	Charge by company per 1,000 gallons.		Interest and repay- ment of loans.	Repai- rates and tax &c.
	Charges.	Number of washing and drying compart- ments.	Washers during 1897-8.								
			Number.	Number of hours used.							
<b>Poplar—</b> Poplar Baths, &c. ...	1½d. per hour	40	12,276	62,609	Week-days, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.	East London Company	11,076	4d.	332,269	414	2
Isle of Dogs site ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
<b>Ratcliffe—</b> White Horse-street site	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70,312	—	—
<b>Rotherhithe—</b> Rotherhithe Baths, &c....	1½d. per hour for first 3 hours, 2d. per hour following	36	11,500	27,966	Week-days, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.	Southwark and Vauxhall Com- pany	11,130	6d.	217,508	1,426	5
<b>St. George-in-the- East—</b> St. George-in-the-East Baths, &c.	1½d. per hour	30 wash- ing and 20 drying com- part- ments	17,610	79,340	Week-days, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.	East London Company	8,978	4d.	198,883	—	2

washhouses—(continued).

Abstract of accounts for 1897-8 in respect of baths, &c.											Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of baths, &c.			Loans outstanding at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
Expenditure.					Receipts in aid of expenditure.					Net expenditure falling on rates.					
Working expenses.			Special (where separately stated).	Total expenditure.	Tickets sold.		Sale of soap and soda, extra towels, &c.	Other.	Total receipts-in-aid.		Purchase of site.	Erection of buildings, machinery, &c.	Total.		
Coal, gas, water, &c.	Water.	Salaries, wages and establishment.			Bath.	Laundry.									
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		
411	184	1,089	—	2,379	1,733	324	29	—	2,086	293	860	16,595	17,455	2,835	The debt outstanding is in respect of a loan of £6,300 borrowed in 1886 to defray cost of re-construction of baths. A loan of £1,970 has been borrowed since 1897-8 for the purpose of additions to the laundry. The baths were open on 17 Sundays during 1897-8, the number of bathers being 5,215.
											—	—	—	—	This site was purchased freehold for £1,815. A loan of £3,765 has been borrowed to defray cost of site and erection of buildings. The establishment is in course of erection and will comprise a swimming bath and several private baths.
	—	10	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	10a	—	—	—	—	This site was acquired in December, 1897, at a cost of £715. Donations to the amount of £765 have been received towards the scheme and a loan of £3,500 has recently been borrowed.
550	244	944	—	3,749	1,167	410	39	86	1,702	2,047	1,500	27,500	29,000	11,842	The amount shown as borrowed for the purchase of site was only in respect of leasehold interests. The freehold of the site was presented.
418	151	769	—	1,602	878	502	36	2	1,418	184	—	—	—	—	This establishment was provided out of private subscriptions. The washhouses are held freehold, but there is an annual ground rent of £52 10s on the site occupied by the private and swimming baths.

(a) Ratcliffe—The actual amount levied in 1897-8 for purposes of the baths was £211; £51 of this was devoted to expenditure of a capital nature, the remainder £150 going to the increase of balance.

Parish served by baths, &c., and situation of baths.	Authority administering the Baths, &c., Acts.	Estimated population of parish, April, 1898.	Occupiers of tenements in parish, 1891.		Date of adoption of Baths, &c., Acts by parish.	Date of opening of baths, &c.	Accommodation					
			Class of tenement occupied by one family.	Number of occupiers.			1st class.			2nd class.		
							Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.
St. George, Hanover- square— Baths and Washhouses, Davies-street, Berkeley-square	Vestry of St. George, Hanover- square	79,479	1 room or less	5,355	June, 1852	Jan., 1855 Recon- structed June, 1884	Warm, 6d. Cold, 3d. (soap 1d. extra)	14 M 7 F	13,539 M 3,539 F	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (soap 1d. extra)	18 M 8 F	21,464 M 10,191 F
			2 rooms	12,047				21	17,078		26	31,655
			3 „	9,566								
Baths and Washhouses, Buckingham Palace- road			4 „	6,041								
				33,009		May, 1855 Rebuilt May, 1890	Do.	23 M 10 F	21,681 M 6,091 F	Do.	29 M 14 F	36,682 M 13,590 F
								33	27,722		43	50,272
St. Giles and St. George— Baths and Washhouses, Endell-street	Commis- sioners	38,049	1 room or less	7,652	Jan., 1850	June, 1853	Warm or warm shower, 6d. Cold or cold shower, 3d. (soap, 1d. extra)	18 M 7 F	32,372 M 2,301 F	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. 140 tickets, 20s. Warm shower, 4d. Cold shower, 2d. (soap, ½d. extra)	39 M 8 F	71,974 M 11,274 F
			2 rooms ...	9,127				25	84,673 (a)		47	83,248 (a)
			3 „ ...	5,121								
			4 „ ...	2,351								
				24,251								
St. James, West- minster— Baths and Washhouses, Marshall-street, Golden-square	Vestry of St. James	22,865	1 room or less	2,859	Dec., 1846	Private baths and laundry, June, 1852 Swim- ming baths, Aug., 1892	Warm, 6d. Cold, 3d. (soap 1d. extra)	23 M 13 F	25,925 M 5,278 F	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (soap 1d. extra)	41 M 13 F	47,975 M 19,895 F
			2 rooms ...	5,949				36	31,203		54	67,870
			3 „ ...	3,825								
			4 „ ...	1,576								
				14,209								
St. Margaret and St. John, West- minster— Baths and Washhouses, Great Smith-street, Westminster	Vestry of St. Margaret and St. John	51,884	1 room or less	8,527	Jan., 1847	May, 1851 Rebuilt Aug., 1893	Warm, 6d. Cold, 6d. 12 tickets, 5s. (soap 1d. extra)	20 M 8 F	19,628 M 1,527 F	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (soap 1d. extra)	26 M 8 F	29,084 M 5,813 F
			2 rooms ...	11,178				28	21,155		34	34,897
			3 „ ...	7,753								
			4 „ ...	4,734								
				32,192								

(a) St. Giles and St. George—The women's baths were closed for 11 weeks during 1897-8 for alterations and repairs.



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Public baths and washhouses.

Swimming baths.							
Hours during which private baths are open.	1st class.		2nd class.		Hours during which swimming baths are open.	Hours during which swimming baths are open for females only.	Other particulars.
	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.			
to August— Mondays to Thursdays, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Fridays, 6 a.m.-9.30 p.m. Saturdays, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. 1, September and October— Mondays to Fridays, 7 a.m.- 9 p.m. Saturdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. November to March— Mondays to Thursdays, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Fridays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.  Do.	6d. 24 tickets, 10s. 240 tickets, £4 (including drawers)	3,628 M	3d. 60 tickets, 10s. Scholars, 1d. (including drawers)	13,835 M	January to December— <i>Bath at 1st class charges—</i> Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (same times as private baths). <i>Bath at 2nd class charges—</i> Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (same times as private baths)	[No provision is made for females]	...
	Do. Girls under 12, 4d. each (women's costume, 2d. extra)	26,460 M 1,863 F <u>28,323</u>	Do. (women's costume, 1d. extra)	27,770 M 2,194 F <u>29,964</u>	April to October— <i>1st and 2nd baths—</i> [Same times as private baths] November to March— <i>Winter bath at 1st class charges—</i> Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (same times as private baths) <i>Winter bath at 2nd class charges—</i> Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (same times as private baths)	April to October— <i>2nd bath at 1st class charges—</i> Tuesdays and Fri- days, 7 a.m.-1.30 p.m. <i>2nd bath at 2nd class charges—</i> Wednesdays, 2-8 p.m. November to March— <i>Winter bath at 2nd class charges—</i> Wednesdays, 3-8 p.m.	An instructress is employed for teaching swim- ming to females at 2s. 6d. per lesson or 10s. 6d. for six (1s. per lesson or 5s. for six to girls under 12) on 1st class days, and 1s. per lesson or 5s. for six on 2nd class days.
1 to September— <i>For males—</i> Mondays, 7-9 a.m. Saturdays, 7 a.m.-10.30 p.m.; other week-days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. <i>For females—</i> Saturdays, 8 a.m.-10.30 p.m.; other week-days, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. November to March— <i>For both sexes—</i> Saturdays, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; other week-days, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.	4d. 100 tickets, 25s. (including drawers)	6,841 M	2d. 140 tickets, 20s. Scholars, 1d. (including drawers)	18,046 M	April to October— <i>1st and 2nd baths—</i> [Same times as private baths]	[No provision is made for females]	Neither swim- ming bath is kept open dur- ing the winter season.
to August— Mondays, 6-9 a.m. Week-days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. 1, May and September— Mondays, 7-9 a.m. Week-days, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. October— Mondays, 7-9 a.m. Week-days, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. November to March— Week-days, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.	6d. 12 tickets, 5s. 6d. 24 tickets, 10s. 6d. 50 tickets, 21s. 100 tickets, 33s. 4d. (including drawers or women's costume)	12,953 M 2,321 F <u>15,274</u>	2d. Scholars, 1d. (including drawers)	20,628 M	April to October— <i>1st and 2nd baths—</i> [Same times as private baths]	April to October— <i>1st bath—</i> Wednesdays (same times as private baths)	Neither swim- ming bath is kept open dur- ing the winter season.
(Middle of) April to October— Mondays, 7-9.30 a.m. Week-days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. 1 to (middle of) April— Mondays, 7-9.30 a.m. Week-days, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. November to February— Week-days, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays the baths are open till 10 p.m. throughout the year]	6d. 12 tickets, 5s. 100 club tickets, 33s. 4d. 100 school tickets, 25s. (including drawers; women's costume, 1d. extra)	46,639 M 688 F Clubs 8,168 M 710 F Schools 3,178 M 407 F <u>59,790</u>	3d. 100 club tickets, 16s. 8d. 100 school tickets, 12s. 6d. 100 local school tickets, 8s. 4d. (including drawers; women's costume, 1d. extra)	29,242 M 71 F Clubs 4,037 M — F Schools 985 M 491 F <u>34,826</u>	(Middle of) April to October— <i>1st and 2nd baths—</i> [Same times as private baths] November to (middle of) April— <i>Winter bath at 1st class charges—</i> Sundays, Tuesdays, Thurs- days and Saturdays (same times as private baths) <i>Winter bath at 2nd class charges—</i> Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (same times as private baths)	(Middle of) April to October— <i>1st bath—</i> Mondays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.- 12 noon <i>2nd bath—</i> Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.	...

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Parish and name of baths, &c.	Accommodation of public baths and washhouses—continued.					Water supply.			Statutory rateable value of parish, 6th April, 1898.	Buildings.	
	Charges.	Number of washing and drying compart- ments.	Washers during 1897-8.		Hours during which laundry is open.	Source of supply.	Quantity used during 1897-8 in 1,000 gallons.	Charge by company per 1,000 gallons.		Interest and repay- ment of loans.	Repa- rates and tax &c.
			Number.	Number of hours used.							
St. George, Hanover- square— Davies-street Baths, &c.	1½d. per hour for first 3 hours, 2d. per hour following	36	19,863	74,597	Week-days, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.	Grand Junction Company	8,402	6d.	1,988,437	4,540	1,8
Buckingham Palace- road Baths, &c.	Do.	40	20,352	84,800	Do.	Chelsea Com- pany	27,841	6d. less 5 per cent discount			
St. Giles and St. George— St. Giles and St. George Baths, &c	1½d. per hour for first 2 hours, 2d. per hour following	58	42,195	155,257	Week - days, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.	New River Com- pany	14,718	7½d.	439,598	1,889	9
St. James, Westmin- ster— St. James' Baths, &c. ...	2d. per hour	84	43,583	158,049	Week - days, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.	Grand Junction Company	19,859	6d.	817,316	351	96
St. Margaret and St. John, Westmin- ster— Westminster Baths, &c..	1½d. per hour for first 3 hours, 3½ hours 6d., 1d. per ½ hour following	64	49,513	123,413	Week - days, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.	Chelsea Com- pany	26,300	6d., less 5 per cent. discount	882,345	2,318	1,10

(a) St. Giles and St. George—Includes £406 for alterations and repairs to women's baths.  
 (b) St. James—Includes £542 for repairs to roofs and new girders.

Washhouses—(continued).

Abstract of accounts for 1897-8 in respect of baths, &c.											Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of baths, &c.			Loans out- standing at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
Expenditure.					Receipts in aid of expenditure.					Net expendi- ture falling on rates.	Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of baths, &c.				
Working expenses.			Special (where sepa- rately stated).	Total expen- diture.	Tickets sold.		Sale of soap and soda, extra towels, &c.	Other.	Total re- ceipts- in-aid.		Purchase of site.	Erection of buildings, ma- chinery, &c.	Total.		
Gas, water, coal, &c.	Water.	Salaries, wages and es- tablish- ment.			Bath.	Laun- dry.									
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		
768	918	2,590	—	11,653	3,182	1,116	139	44	4,431	7,222	—	29,500	29,500	3,166	This establishment is held on lease, which expires in 1904, at an annual ground rent of £200. The debt outstanding is in respect of loans of £17,500 borrowed to defray cost of alterations and extensions carried out in 1884.

(a) St. Giles and St. George—Expenses of washing towels for St. Giles District Board.

(b) St. James—Cost of new dressing-boxes in 1st class swimming bath.



Parish served by baths, &c., and situation of baths.	Authority administering the Baths, &c., Acts.	Estimated population of parish, April, 1898.	Occupiers of tenements in parish, 1891.		Date of adoption of Baths, &c., Acts by parish.	Date of opening of baths, &c.	Accommodation					
			Class of tenement occupied by one family.	Number of occupiers.			Private					
							1st class.			2nd class.		
							Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.
<b>St. Martin-in-the-Fields—</b> Baths and Washhouses, Orange-street, Charing-cross-road	Commis- sioners.	12,523	1 room or less 2 rooms ... 3 " ... 4 " ...  <u>6,994</u>	1,820 2,640 1,723 811	Sept., 1846	Jan., 1849	Warm or warm shower, 6d. Cold or cold shower, 3d. (soap 1d. extra)	17 M 5 F  22	19,284 M 2,399 F  21,683	Warm, 2d., for children on Wednes- days, 1d. Cold, 1d. (soap 1d. extra)	26 M 12 F  38	24,529 M 7,793 F  32,322
<b>St. Marylebone—</b> Baths and Washhouses, 181, Marylebone- road	Vestry of St. Mary- lebone	138,837	1 room or less 2 rooms 3 " 4 "  <u>85,213</u>	25,114 33,513 17,067 9,519	Nov., 1846	Dec., 1849 Rebuilt March, 1897	Warm or warm shower, 6d. Warm and warm shower combined, 9d. Cold or cold shower, 3d. Vapour, 1s. (soap, 1d. extra)	21 } 2 va- } M pour } 10 } 1 va- } F pour }	18,987 M 2,921 F 163 vapour <u>22,071 (a)</u>	Warm or warm shower, 2d. Cold or cold shower, 1d. (soap, ½d. extra)	48 M 19 F  67	59,210 M 2,661 F <u>61,871 (a)</u>
<b>St. Pancras—</b> Baths and Washhouses, King-street, Camden-town	Vestry of St. Pancras	240,737	1 room or less 2 rooms 3 " 4 "  <u>155,701</u>	34,318 60,613 37,723 23,047	March, 1865	May, 1868	Warm or warm shower, 6d. Cold or cold shower, 3d. 12 tickets (b), 4s. 12 cold bath tickets, 2s. (soap, 1d. extra)	29 M 9 F  38	25,940	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. 12 tickets (c), 1s. 6d. (soap, 1d. extra)	57 M 10 F  67	92,468
Baths and Washhouses, Whitfield-street, Tottenham-court- road						May, 1878	Do. Vapour, 9d. 12 vapour tickets, 7s. 6d.	34 } 1 va- } M pour } 9 F  44	44,189 386 vapour <u>44,575</u>	Do.	58 M 10 F  68	110,156
<i>Site for</i> Baths and Washhouses, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish-town						...	...	...	...	...	...	...

(a) St. Marylebone—These figures are somewhat low on account of the private baths not having been completed till some time after the commencement of 1897-8.

(b) St. Pancras—These tickets are available for either private or swimming baths. A reduction of 10 per cent. is allowed to purchasers of 1st class ticket books to value of £5.

(c) St. Pancras—These tickets are for either private or swimming baths, but are not available on either Saturdays or Sundays.

Washhouses—(continued).

Public baths and washhouses.

Baths.	Swimming baths.						
	1st class.		2nd class.		Hours during which swimming baths are open.	Hours during which swimming baths are open for females only.	Other particulars.
	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.			
Hours during which private baths are open.							
January to December— Sundays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; other week-days, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
For males— April to October— Sundays, 7-8.45 a.m. Week-days, 7 a.m.-8.45 p.m. November to March— Week-days, 8 a.m.-7.45 p.m. For females— June to September— Week-days, 7 a.m.-8.45 p.m. April, May and October— Week-days, 8 a.m.-8.45 p.m. November to March— Week-days, 8 a.m.-7.45 p.m. On Saturdays the baths are open till 9.15 p.m. throughout the year for both sexes.]	For males— 6d. 100 tickets, 41s. 8d. 100 school tickets, 33s. 4d. (including drawers) For females— 6d. 12 tickets, 5s. 5d. 50 tickets, 18s. 9d. (costume 2d. extra)	18,089 M 3,488 F <u>21,577</u>	For males— 3d. 100 tickets, 20s. 10d. 100 school tickets, 16s. 8d. (including drawers) For females— 4d. 50 tickets, 12s. 6d. 100 school tickets, 16s. 8d. (costume, 2d. extra)  3rd class— 1d. (drawers not provided)	26,168 M 915 F 7,800 scholars <u>34,883</u>  41,431 M	April to October— Men's 1st, 2nd and 3rd baths— Sundays, 7-8.45 a.m. Saturdays, 7 a.m.-9.15 p.m.; other week-days, 7 a.m.-8.45 p.m. November to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges— Saturdays, 8 a.m.-9.15 p.m.; other week-days, 8 a.m.-7.45 p.m.	April to October— Women's bath at 1st class charges— Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays (same times as private baths) Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (June to September, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.) Women's bath at 2nd class charges— Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-8.45 p.m. November to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges— Wednesdays, 2-5 p.m. and Fridays, 9.15 a.m.-3 p.m. Winter bath at 2nd class charges— Wednesdays, 5-7.45 p.m.	...
April to September— Sundays, 7-9 a.m. (May to August, 6-9 a.m.) Mondays to Thursdays, 7 a.m.-9.30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. October to March— Sundays, 8-9 a.m. (March and October, 7-9 a.m.) Saturdays, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. other week-days, 8 a.m.-8.30 p.m.  Do.	6d. 12 tickets (a), 4s. (including drawers; women's costumes not provided)  Do.	18,620 M 650 F <u>19,270</u>  19,997 M 123 F <u>20,120</u>	2d. 12 tickets (b), 1s. 6d. Scholars, 1d. (including drawers; women's costumes not provided)  Do.	33,287 M 1,934 F <u>35,221</u>  18,073 M 3,123 F <u>21,196</u>	April to September— 1st and 2nd baths— [Same times as private baths] October to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges— [Same times as private baths]  Do.	April to September— 1st and 2nd baths— Thursdays, 4-9.30 p.m. October to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges— Thursdays, 4-8.30 p.m.  April to September— 1st bath at 1st class charges— Wednesdays, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. 1st bath at 2nd class charges— Wednesdays, 2-9.30 p.m. October to March— Winter bath at 1st class charges— Wednesdays, 8 a.m.-8.30 p.m.	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

(a) See note (b) on opposite page.

(b) See note (c) on opposite page.

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Parish and name of baths, &c.	Accommodation of public baths and washhouses—continued.					Water supply.			Statutory rateable value of parish, 6th April, 1898.	Buildings.	
	Laundry.				Hours during which laundry is open.	Source of supply.	Quantity used during 1897-8 in 1,000 gallons.	Charge by company per 1,000 gallons.		Interest and repa- yment of loans.	Repa- rate and ta- xation
	Charges.	Number of washing and drying compart- ments.	Washers during 1897-8.								
			Number.	Number of hours used.							
St. Martin - in - the - Fields— St. Martin's Baths, &c. ...	1½d. per hour for first 2 hours, 2d. per hour following	60	29,743	117,865	Mondays, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesdays to Fridays, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.	New River Com- pany	7,600	6d.	£ 587,301	£ 208	£
St. Marylebone— St. Marylebone Baths, &c.	1½d. per hour	74	46,165	164,000 (about)	Week-days, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.	West Middlesex Company	39,062	4d., less 10 per cent. discount	1,605,427	2,644	4
St. Pancras— King-street Baths, &c. ...	1½d. per hour	63	20,472	67,866	Weekdays, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.	New River Company [A private well is being constructed]	17,106	7½d.	1,664,543	617	3
Whitfield-street Baths, &c.	Do.	78	42,875	157,202	Do.	West Middlesex Company	25,215	4d., less 10 per cent. discount		1,600	2
Prince of Wales - road site	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		—	—



ashhouses—(continued).

Abstract of accounts for 1897-8 in respect of baths, &c.											Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of baths, &c.			Loans outstanding at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
Expenditure.					Receipts in aid of expenditure.					Net expenditure falling on rates.					
Working expenses.			Special (where separately stated).	Total expenditure.	Tickets sold.		Sale of soap and soda, extra towels, &c.	Other.	Total receipts-in-aid.		Purchase of site.	Erection of buildings, machinery, &c.	Total.		
Coal, gas, oil, &c.	Water.	Salaries, wages and establishment.			Bath.	Laundry.									
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
555	193	851	—	2,150	801	876	82	47	1,806	344	—	22,000	22,000	—	This establishment is held on lease for term of 99 years from 1846, subject to an annual ground rent of £80. A loan of £1,000 was borrowed in 1893 for the purpose of alterations and repairs.
150	508	1,867	230a	6,849	2,179	1,034	61	35b	3,309	3,540	3,000	71,150	74,150	44,235	The debt outstanding is in respect of loans of £46,000 borrowed for purposes of re-building. During the winter season the 1st class swimming bath is fitted up as a gymnasium. This scheme was only started in Jan., 1898.
599	526	1,177	—	3,267	1,964	431	116	3	2,514	753	3,500	19,500	23,000	—	...
960	503	1,413	—	4,750	2,576	1,003	189	30	3,748	1,002	5,500	29,500	35,000	12,540	...
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	A loan of £17,000 has recently been borrowed for the purchase of this site. The proposed establishment is estimated to cost about £40,000 and will comprise 130 private baths, 4 swimming baths and a laundry with accommodation for 50 washers.

(a) St. Marylebone—Gymnasium expenses.

(b) St. Marylebone—Including £14 gymnasium receipts.

Parish served by baths, &c., and situation of baths.	Authority administering the Baths, &c., Acts.	Estimated population of parish, April, 1898.	Occupiers of tenements in parish, 1891.		Date of adoption of Baths, &c., Acts by parish.	Date of opening of baths, &c.	Accommodation					
			Class of tenement occupied by one family.	Number of occupiers.			1st class.			2nd class.		
							Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of baths.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.
<b>St. Saviour, South- wark—</b> Baths and Washhouses, Lavington-street, Southwark-street	Commis- sioners	11,618	[not ascertainable]		Nov., 1891	April, 1895	Warm, 6d. Cold, 3d. (including soap)	12 M 5 F <u>17</u>	18,435 M 639 F <u>19,074</u>	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (soap $\frac{1}{2}$ d. extra)	23 M 10 F <u>33</u>	45,093 M 10,598 F <u>55,691</u>
<b>Shoreditch—</b> Baths and Washhouses, Pitfield-street, Hoxton	Vestry of Shoreditch	121,794	1 room or less 2 rooms 3 „ 4 „ <u>95,229</u>	20,112 30,300 24,559 20,258 <u>95,229</u>	1852, 1882, and Oct., 1892	March, 1899	Warm, 6d. Cold, 6d. 12 tickets, 4s. 6d. (including soap)	20 M 5 F <u>25</u>	...	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (soap, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. extra,	36 M 15 F <u>51</u>	...
<b>Wandsworth—</b> <i>Site for</i> Baths, High-street, Wandsworth	Commis- sioners	61,541	[not ascertainable]		Nov., 1897	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Whitechapel—</b> Baths and Washhouses, Goulston-street, Whitechapel	Commis- sioners	35,041	[not ascertainable]		Oct., 1874	Private baths and laundry, Aug., '78. Swim- ming baths, May, '86. Recon- structed July, '96	Warm, 6d. Cold, 3d. (including soap)	31 M 9 F <u>40</u>	27,285 M 3,400 F <u>30 685</u>	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (soap $\frac{1}{2}$ d. extra)	60 M 18 F <u>78</u>	84,299 M 27,150 F <u>111,449</u>
<b>Woolwich—</b> Baths, Market-street, Woolwich	Local Board of Woolwich	41,426	1 room or less 2 rooms 3 „ 4 „ <u>20,680</u>	2,951 4,865 5,584 7,280 <u>20,680</u>	July, 1890	June, 1894	Warm, 6d. Cold, 3d. 12 tickets, 5s. (soap 1d. extra)	21 M 4 F <u>25</u>	21,870 M 890 F <u>22,760(a)</u>	Warm, 2d. Cold, 1d. (soap 1d. extra)	30 M 8 F <u>38</u>	48,931 M 8,924 F <u>57,855</u>

(a) Woolwich—In addition to these numbers, there were 1,320 who used book tickets. No record is kept of the proportion of such bathers using the private or the swimming baths.

## Washhouses—(continued).

Public baths and washhouses.

Baths.	Swimming baths.						Other particulars.
	1st class.		2nd class.		Hours during which swimming baths are open.	Hours during which swimming baths are open for females only.	
	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.	Charges.	Number of bathers during 1897-8.			
May to August— Sundays ( <i>for males only</i> ), 7-9 a.m. Weekdays, 7 a.m.-9.30 p.m. March, April, September and October— Sundays ( <i>for males only</i> ), 7.30-9 a.m. Weekdays, 7.30 a.m.-9 p.m. November to February— Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.	6d. 24 tickets, 10s. 100 club tickets, 33s. 4d. Scholars, 3d. (including drawers or women's costume)	24,103	2d. Scholars (a) 1d. (including drawers or women's costume)	39,320 M 1,367 F 21,962 scholars <u>62,649</u>	May to August— 1st and 2nd baths— Sundays, 6-9 a.m. Weekdays, 6 a.m.-9.30 p.m. April, September and October— 1st and 2nd baths— Sundays, 7.30-9 a.m. Weekdays, 7.30 a.m.-9 p.m. November to March— 2nd bath at 1st class charges— Mondays to Wednesdays, 12-8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 12-9 p.m. 2nd bath at 2nd class charges— Saturdays, 12-9 p.m.	April to October— 1st bath— Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-12 noon 2nd bath ( <i>for women only</i> )— Wednesdays, 7.30-9 a.m. and 5-9 p.m. (May to August, 6-9 a.m. and 5-9.30 p.m.) 2nd bath ( <i>for girls only</i> )— Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays, 9 a.m.-12 noon	...
April to September— Sundays, 7-11 a.m. Weekdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. October to March— Sundays, 8-11 a.m. Weekdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.	6d. 12 tickets, 4s. 6d. Club tickets, 4d. each. 50 school tickets, 12s. 6d. (including drawers or women's costume)	...	2d. 50 school tickets, 4s. 2d. (drawers ½d. or women's costume 1d. extra)	...	April to September— 1st and 2nd baths— Sundays, 7-11 a.m. Weekdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.	April to September— 1st bath— Thursdays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 2nd bath— Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.	Neither swimming bath is kept open during the winter season. Free instruction in swimming is given to females by an instructress who is specially employed for this purpose.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
For males— May to August— Sundays, 6-9 a.m. Weekdays, 6 a.m.-9.30 p.m. March, April, September and October— Sundays, 7-9 a.m. Weekdays, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. November to February— Sundays, 8-9.30 a.m. Weekdays, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. [On Saturdays the baths for males are open till 9.30 p.m. throughout the year] For females— May to August— Weekdays, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. September to April— Saturdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., other weekdays, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.	6d. 12 tickets, 5s. 100 club tickets, 33s. 4d. (including drawers; women's costume 2d. extra)	18,753 M 424 F <u>19,177</u>	2d. 250 school tickets, 21s. 10d. (drawers ½d., or women's costume 1d. extra)	31,639 M 4,400 F <u>36,039</u>	May to October— Men's 1st and 2nd baths— [Same times as private baths] November to April— Winter bath at 1st class charges— [Same times as private baths]	May to October— Women's bath at 1st class charges— Mondays and Thursdays (same times as private baths) Women's bath at 2nd class charges— Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays (same times as private baths)	Free instruction in swimming is given to females by an instructress who is specially employed for this purpose.
April to October— Sundays, 6-9 a.m. Weekdays, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. November to March— Weekdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.	6d. 12 tickets, 5s. Club tickets, 4d. each 100 school tickets, 25s. (including drawers; women's costume, 1d. extra)	9,626 M 780 F 16,387 club bathers 3,964 scholars <u>30,757 (b)</u>	3d. 100 tickets for boys' brigades, &c., 16s. 8d. 100 school tickets, 8s. 4d. (including drawers; women's costume, 1d. extra)	26,027 M 496 F 500 brigade, &c., bathers 6,600 scholars <u>33,623</u>	April to October— 1st and 2nd baths— Sundays, 6-9 a.m. Week-days, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.	April to October— 1st bath— Mondays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays, 2-9 p.m. 2nd bath— Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.	Neither swimming bath is kept open during the winter season.

(a) St. Saviour—These tickets are not available for boys from 12 to 2 p.m. or after 5 p.m.

(b) Woolwich—See note (a) on opposite page.

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Parish and name of baths, &c.	Accommodation of public baths and washhouses—continued.					Water supply.			Statutory rateable value of parish, 6th April, 1898.	Buildings.	
	Laundry.				Hours during which laundry is open.	Source of supply.	Quantity used during 1897-8 in 1,000 gallons.	Charge by company per 1,000 gallons.		Interest and repay- ment of loans.	Repairs, rates and taxes &c.
	Charges.	Number of washing and drying compart- ments.	Washers during 1897-8.								
			Number.	Number of hours used.							
<b>St. Saviour, South- wark—</b> St. Saviour's Baths, &c.	1½d. for 1st hour, 1d. per ½ hour following	36	22,175	73,360	Week-days, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.	Southwark and Vauxhall Com- pany	17,417	6d.	£ 226,600	£ 2,681	£ 1,106
<b>Shoreditch—</b> Shoreditch Baths, &c. ...	1st hour, 1d. 2nd „ 1½d. 3rd „ 2d. and so on, rising ½d. per hour for every successive hour	50	...	...	Week-days, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.	New River Com- pany. [A private well is being con- structed]	...	6d.	694,327	1,386	—
<b>Wandsworth—</b> High-street site ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	341,710	—	—
<b>Whitechapel—</b> Whitechapel Baths, &c.	[The washhouses have been closed since 1894; the question of re-constructing them is still under consideration]					East London Company	9,812  10,081  19,893(a)	4d. for men's swim 7½d. for private baths and women's swim	229,999	1,555	176
<b>Woolwich—</b> Woolwich Baths ...	...	...	...	...	...	Kent Company Private wells ...	1,080 18,920  20,000	7½d.	273,279	1,762	742

(a) Whitechapel—This figure is in respect of the year ended Christmas, 1898.

Shhouses—(continued).

Abstract of accounts for 1897-8 in respect of baths, &c.											Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of baths, &c.			Loans out-standing at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
Expenditure.					Receipts in aid of expenditure.					Net expenditure falling on rates.	Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of baths, &c.				
Working expenses.			Special (where separately stated).	Total expenditure.	Tickets sold.		Sale of soap and soda, extra towels, &c.	Other.	Total receipts-in-aid.		Purchase of site.	Erection of buildings, machinery, &c.	Total.		
Lights, &c.	Water.	Salaries, wages and establishment.			Bath.	Laundry.									
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
92	428	1,577	—	6,184	1,862	577	47	77	2,563	3,621	10,000	33,000	43,000	39,536	The 1st class swimming bath is fitted up as a hall during the winter season, but is not licensed by the Council for music and dancing.
—	—	5	67(a)	1,458	—	—	—	—	—	1,458	15,700	34,000	49,700	48,970	Since 1897-8 an additional loan of £10,653 has been borrowed to defray the cost of certain engineering works at the baths. The 1st class swimming bath is fitted up as a hall during the winter season and is licensed by the Council to be used for music and dancing. The 2nd class bath during the winter season is fitted up as a gymnasium.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Application has been made to the Local Government Board for power to borrow £36,000; £4,000 of this is required for the purchase of the site. The proposed establishment will comprise two swimming and several private baths.
60	786	1,058	—	4,235	2,373	—	130	130	2,633	1,602	1,000	29,700	30,700	21,558	Of the loans borrowed, £17,200 was in respect of the reconstruction of the baths. Donations to the amount of £3,123 were originally received towards the provision of baths for parish. The 1st class swimming bath is fitted up as a hall during the winter season; it has not yet been licensed for music and dancing, but the plans have been approved by the Council.
814	50	1,324	—	4,692	2,024	—	161	132	2,317	2,375	3,500	26,350	29,850	26,205	...

(a) Shoreditch—Expenses of laying foundation stone.

II. Public Libraries—Return showing for each parish and district in the Administrative County of London population at April, 1898, and the date when the Acts were adopted, and also showing as regards each provided, and the extent to which such accommodation was made use of during the year 1897-8; of the library rate in 1898-9, and an abstract of the accounts for 1897-8 in respect of the Public Libraries year for the purpose of each establishment.

Parish or district served by library, and name and situation of library.	Authority administering the Public Libraries Acts.	Estimated population of parish or district, April, 1898.	Date of adoption of Libraries Acts by parish or district.	Date of opening of library.	Lending				
					Classification of books.			Classification of borrowers.	
					Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for home reading during 1897-8.	Class.	Number at end of 1897-8.
<b>Battersea—</b> Central Library, 265, Lavender-hill	Vestry of Battersea	169,406	March, 1887	March, 1890. Lending library extended, July, 1898.	Prose fiction ... ..	5,873	140,400	[No classification available.]	6,564
					Arts, sciences and natural history	1,458	6,891		
					History, biography, geography and travels	4,452	10,512		
					Other ... ..	3,834	8,116		
						15,617	165,919		
Lurline-gardens Library, Victoria-road				Sept., 1890	Prose fiction ... ..	3,330	51,545	Do.	2,059
					Arts, sciences and natural history	508	1,575		
					History, biography, geography and travels	1,557	2,967		
					Other ... ..	1,430	3,742		
						6,825	59,829	Do.	1,186
Lammas-hall Library, Bridge-road-west				Reading-room, Sept., 1887. Lending library, Oct., 1888. Extended, May, 1897.	Prose fiction ... ..	3,548	33,514		
					Arts, sciences and natural history	496	762		
					History, biography, geography and travels	1,320	1,533		
					Other ... ..	1,491	1,178		
						6,855	36,987		
<b>Bermondsey—</b> Bermondsey Library, Spa-road	Vestry of Bermondsey	84,632	Oct., 1887	News, &c., rooms, Nov., 1891 Lending and reference libraries, Jan., 1892	Prose fiction ... ..	3,248	54,328	Borrowers enrolled during 1897-8— Professional ... .. Commercial and trading Artisan and labouring Domestic ... .. Scholars and students Not stated ... ..  Borrowers enrolled during 1896-7 ... ..	87 307  534 19 608 325  1,880 1,470 3,850
					Juvenile ... ..	1,658	31,760		
					Science ... ..	686	1,672		
					History, biography, geography and travels	3,888	7,052		
					Other ... ..	2,596	6,135		
						12,076	100,947 <sup>a</sup>		
<b>Bow—</b> Site for Bow Library, Roman-road	Vestry of Bow	41,643	April, 1896	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Bromley—</b> Site for Principal Library, 86, Bow-road	Vestry of Bromley	69,730	Oct., 1891	...	...	...	...	...	...
				...	...	...	...	...	...
				...	...	...	...	...	...
				...	...	...	...	...	...
				...	...	...	...	...	...
				...	...	...	...	...	...
Branch Library, 126, Brunswick-road, South Bromley				April, 1895	Prose fiction ... ..	2,047	24,939	Males ... ..	683
					Juvenile ... ..	207	7,717	Females ... ..	431
					Natural science ... ..	197	329		
					History and biography	590	785	Ages—over 20 ... ..	440
					Other ... ..	1,547	2,370	16-20 ... ..	289
						4,588	36,140	under 16... ..	385
									1,114

(a) Bermondsey—In addition to this total, 262 unbound magazines were lent out for home reading.



in which the Public Libraries Acts have been adopted, the authority administering the Acts, the estimated institution established the date of opening, the hours when open to the public, particulars of the accommodation together with the statutory rateable value of each parish or district on 6th April, 1898, the estimated produce Acts, and finally a statement of the loans that had been borrowed and were outstanding at the end of that

Accommodation of public libraries.						
Lending department.		Reference department.				
Hours during which books are issued.	Qualifications for borrowers and other particulars.	Classification of books.			Hours during which books are issued.	Other particulars.
		Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for reference purposes during 1897-8.		
Thursdays, 10 a.m.—1 p.m., other week-days, 10 a.m.—9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and first 7 days in July.	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons rated or resident in parish. Borrowers may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing musical scores. Period of tickets—2 years. Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	Arts, sciences and natural history History, biography, geography and travels Other ... ..	1,548 2,695 7,390	4,984 5,137 11,625	Sundays, 3—9 p.m. Week-days, 10 a.m.—10 p.m. Closed on Christmas-day and first 7 days in July.	The reference department was open 51 Sundays during 1897-8, the total issues being 1,953.
Do.	Do.	...	11,633	21,746	...	There is no reference department at this library, but where books of the lending department were used for reference purposes, such issues have been included under lending department.
Do.	Do.	...	...	...	...	Do.
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.—1 p.m., other week-days, 10 a.m.—9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and for 14 days in July.	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons rated, resident or employed in parish; also children under 13 attending schools in parish. Period of tickets—2 years. Time allowed for borrowing—14 days.	Reference books ... Lending books issued for reference— Science ... .. History, biography, geography and travels Other ... ..	1,109	4,576 592 2,431 2,404 10,003	Sundays (September to April only), 3-9 p.m. Wednesdays, 9 a.m.—1 p.m., other week-days, 9 a.m.—9 p.m. Closed on public holidays.	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Weekdays, except Wednesdays, 12 a.m.—9 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 14 years of age rated or resident in parish Period of tickets—1 year Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	...	...	...	...	...

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## II.—Public Libraries

Accommodation of public libraries—continued.										Abstract of	
Parish or district and name of library.	News and reading rooms.				Particulars of special accommodation provided.	Statutory rateable value of parish or district, 6th April, 1898.	Estimated produce of the library rate, 1898-9.	Expenditure			
	Classification of newspapers, periodicals, &c., provided at library.		Estimated average daily attendance.	Hours during which news, &c., rooms are open.				Interest and re-payment of loans.	Repairs and maintenance of buildings.		
	Class.	Number.									
<b>Battersea—</b>											
Central Library ...	Daily ...	19	2,000	Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Week-days, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on Christmas-day.	Lecture Room—This room is let out for lectures, &c.	£	£	£	£		
	Weekly...	128									
	Monthly...	101									
	Quarterly	6									
		254									
Lurline gardens Library	Daily ...	15	700	Do.	Children's reading room—This room contains the juvenile periodicals, and is for children under 14 years of age. Hours when open— Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, 12.30-1.30 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.; Saturdays and school holidays. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on Christmas-day.	892,361	3,556	776	1,099a		
	Weekly...	48									
	Monthly..	42									
		105									
Lammas-hall Library	Daily ...	12	300	Do.	Do.						
	Weekly...	32									
	Monthly.	24									
		68									
<b>Bermondsey—</b>											
Bermondsey Library	Daily ...	29	Sundays, 155 Week-days, 1,300	Sundays (September to April only), 3-9 p.m. Week-days, 9 a.m.-5.30 p.m. Closed on public holidays.	The provision of a children's reading-room is under consideration. Ladies' reading-room—This room contains a few of the periodicals and is open same hours as newsroom. The average daily attendance is about 100.	427,839	1,713	872	167		
	Weekly...	96									
	Monthly...	85									
	Quarterly	1									
		211									
<b>Bow—</b>											
Site for Bow Library ...	...	...	...	...	...	160,721	600b	—	—		
<b>Bromley—</b>											
Site for Principal Library ...	...	...	...	...	...	245,969	900c	—	225		
Branch Library	Daily ...	16	350	Week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays	...						
	Weekly...	33									
	Monthly	10									
	Quarterly	1									
		60									

(a) Battersea—Including £498, cost of additions, &amp;c., to the Central Library.

(b) Bow—No rate was levied for library purposes during 1898-9.

(c) Bromley—No rate was levied for library purposes during either 1897-8 or 1898-9, the expenditure being met out of balance.

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Accounts for 1897-8 in respect of libraries.									Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of libraries.				Loans out-standing at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
Expenditure.				Receipts in aid of expenditure.				Net expenditure falling on rates.	Purchase of site.	Erection of buildings.	Furniture and fittings and purchase of books.	Total.		
Books, periodicals, binding, &c.	Salaries and wages.	Establishment and other.	Total expenditure.	Fines, catalogues and tickets.	Rents.	Other.	Total receipts in-aid.		£	£	£	£	£	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
									3,000	6,650				In 1891 a sum of £2,500 was realised from the sale of old parish land and devoted to the repayment of loan of £3,000 borrowed in 1888 for purchase of site. Since 1897-8 an additional loan of £1,500 has been borrowed to defray cost of extensions to library.
778	1,364	262	4,279	183	—	83	266	4,013	—	1,700	2,650	14,000	6,110	The freehold site of this branch library was purchased out of revenue.
									—	—				These premises are held on a yearly tenancy at an annual rental of £49 3s.
150	517	40	1,746	54	—	5	59	1,687	3,000	7,000	1,500	11,500	7,942	The reference and reading rooms were open on 33 Sundays during 1897-8, the total attendance being 5,452, and the issues of books for reference, 320.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	This site has recently been acquired at a cost of £1,575.
243	173	40	681	23	144	—	167	514	—	—	—	—	—	This site, which is a central one as regards the two parishes of Bow and Bromley, was acquired in the hope that the Vestry of Bow would co-operate in forming a joint library. No arrangement, however, has been come to, and the Vestry of Bromley has applied to the Local Government Board for power to sell the site.
									—	—	—	—	—	A 70 years lease of these premises was acquired in 1894 for £400 out of revenue, subject to an annual ground rent of £5 10s.



Parish or district served by library, and name and situation of library.	Authority administering the Public Libraries Acts.	Estimated population of parish or district, April, 1898.	Date of adoption of Libraries Acts by parish or district.	Date of opening of library.	Lending				
					Classification of books.			Classification of borrowers.	
					Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for home reading during 1897-8.	Class.	Number at end of 1897-8.
<b>Camberwell—</b> Central Library, Peckham-road				Reading-room, March, 1890 Lending library, June, 1890 Permanent building, Oct., 1893	Prose fiction ... } Juvenile ... } Arts and sciences ... } Biography and history ... } Other ... }	5,989 { 1,878 { 3,291 { 4,022 { 15,180 {	67,251 33,625 8,279 5,869 11,873 126,897	Borrowers holding— Readers' tickets ... Music tickets ... Total tickets ...	5,121 118 5,239
Dulwich Library, 130, Lordship-lane				Lending library, April, 1891 Permanent building, Nov., 1897	Prose fiction ... } Juvenile ... } Arts and sciences ... } Biography and history ... } Other ... }	4,057 { 1,628 { 1,536 { 2,575 { 9,796 {	37,299 18,637 5,984 2,818 10,184 74,922	Borrowers holding— Readers' tickets ... Music tickets ... Total tickets ...	3,987 98 4,085
Livesey Library, 682, Old Kent-road				Oct., 1890	Prose fiction ... } Juvenile ... } Arts and sciences ... } Biography and history ... } Other ... }	3,239 { 976 { 1,307 { 1,921 { 7,443 {	30,542 15,571 7,244 3,154 14,276 70,787	Borrowers holding— Readers' tickets ... Music tickets ... Total tickets ...	1,952 37 1,989
Nunhead Library, Gordon-road	Vestry of Camberwell	256,289	Jan., 1889	Dec., 1896	Prose fiction ... } Juvenile ... } Arts and sciences ... } Biography and history ... } Other ... }	3,037 { 966 { 1,085 { 1,387 { 6,475 {	47,130 23,065 5,277 3,308 13,884 92,664	Borrowers holding— Readers' tickets ... Music tickets ... Total tickets ...	2,148 45 2,193
Branch Lending Library, 31, Neate-street, Camberwell				Jan., 1898	Prose fiction ... } Juvenile ... } Arts and sciences ... } Biography and history ... } Other ... }	655 { 222 { 126 { 281 { 1,284 {	595 297 70 44 1,077	Borrowers holding— Readers' tickets ...	228
South London Art Gallery, Peckham-road				Permanent gallery, May, 1891 Extended, Oct., 1893 Transferred to Vestry, March, 1896	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Camberwell and Lambeth—</b> Minet Library, Knatchbull-road	Vestry of Camberwell and Lambeth Commissioners	Camberwell, 256,289 Lambeth, 298,106 554,395	Camberwell, Jan., 1889, Lambeth, Dec., 1886	July, 1890 Children's room, Oct., 1893	Prose fiction ... } Juvenile ... } Art and sciences ... } Biography and history ... } Other ... }	4,126 { 813 { 1,243 { 1,237 { 2,177 { 9,596 {	75,374 11,505 3,842 2,559 8,489 101,719	[No classification available]	4,318
<b>Chelsea—</b> Central Library, (a) Manresa-road, Chelsea				Temporary reading rooms, Nov., 1887. Permanent building, Jan., 1891.	Prose fiction ... } Juvenile ... } Science ... } History, biography and travels ... } Other ... }	4,394 { 1,316 { 790 { 3,876 { 6,120 { 16,496 {	73,930 15,693 2,113 10,213 17,063 119,017	Borrowers holding— Readers' tickets ... Music do. ... Students' do. ... Total tickets ...	4,836 255 505 5,596
Branch Library, (a) 666, Harrow-road, Kensal-town	Commissioners	97,669	May, 1887	Temporary reading-rooms, Jan., 1888. Permanent building, Jan., 1890.	Prose fiction ... } Juvenile ... } Science ... } History, biography and travels ... } Other ... }	2,051 { 702 { 371 { 1,751 { 2,364 { 7,239 {	36,864 15,355 787 4,565 6,452 64,023	Borrowers holding— Readers' tickets ... Students' do. ... Total tickets ...	1,931 92 2,023

(a) Chelsea—The statistics of the books and borrowers relate to the year ended 31st May, 1898.

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Accommodation of public libraries.						
Department.		Reference department.				
Hours during which books are issued.	Qualifications for borrowers and other particulars.	Classification of books.			Hours during which books are issued.	Other particulars.
		Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for reference purposes during 1897-8.		
Week-days except Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m.—9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last 7 days in June and first 7 days in July	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 13 years of age rated or resident in parish; also any resident in an adjoining parish on payment of 5s. per annum. Borrowers may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing musical scores Period of tickets—1 year Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	Arts and sciences ... Biography and history ... Other ... ..  7,882	2,135 901 4,846  7,882	8,510 3,810 46,513  58,833	Week-days, 10 a.m.—10 p.m. Closed on Good Friday and Christmas-day	...
Do.	Do.	Arts and sciences ... Biography and history ... Other ... ..  380	103 210 67  380	Small issue included in lending issue	Do.	...
Do.	Do.	Arts and sciences ... Biography and history ... Other ... ..  979	588 217 174  979	2,740 1,051 5,162  8,953	Do.	...
Do.	Do.	Arts and sciences ... Biography and history ... Other ... ..  42	18 9 15  42	Small issue included in lending issue	[Same times as lending department]	...
Mondays and Saturdays, 6—9 p.m. Wednesdays, 2—5 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Do.	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Week-days except Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m.—9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last week in July	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 14 years of age rated or resident in either parish Period of tickets—1 year Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	Arts and sciences ... History and biography ... Other ... ..  2,702	462 708 1,532  2,702	1,569 1,497 8,946  12,012	Week-days except Wednesdays, 10 a.m.—10 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last week in July	...
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.—2 p.m., other weekdays, 10 a.m.—9 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons rated or resident in parish; also students of S.W. Polytechnic may obtain students' tickets for borrowing non-fictional works Borrowers may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing musical scores, and also a students' ticket for non-fictional works Period of tickets—2 years Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	Science ... .. History, biography and travels ... Other ... ..  8,622	656 2,580 5,386  8,622	3,329 5,072 19,120  27,521	Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. and 5-10 p.m., other weekdays, 10 a.m.—10 p.m. Bank holidays, 10 a.m.—4 p.m. Closed on Good Friday and Christmas-day	The reference department was open on 52 Sundays during 1897-8, the total issues being 1,343.
Do.	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons rated or resident in parish Borrowers may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing non-fictional works Period of tickets—2 years Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	Science ... .. History, biography and travels ... Other ... ..  826	16 194 616  826	250 1,389 4,509  6,148	Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Weekdays, 10 a.m.—10 p.m. Bank holidays, 10 a.m.—4 p.m. Closed on Good Friday and Christmas-day	The reference department was open on 52 Sundays during 1897-8, the total issues being 415.

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Parish or district and name of library.	Accommodation of public libraries—continued.						Statutory rateable value of parish or district, 6th April, 1898.	Estimated produce of the library rate, 1898-9.	Abstract of	
	News and reading rooms.			Particulars of special accommodation provided.	Expen-					
	Classification of newspapers, periodicals, &c., provided at library.	Estimated average daily attendance.	Hours during which news, &c., rooms are open.		Interest and re-payment of loans.	Repairs and main-tenance of build-ings.				
									Class.	Num-ber.
<b>Camberwell—</b> Central Library ...	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly .. Quarterly	29 65 98 9	1,900	<i>Newsroom—</i> Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Week - days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. <i>Magazine-room—</i> Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Week - days, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on Good-Friday and Christ-mas-day	A room at this library has recently been set apart for use as a ladies' reading-room.	£	£	£	£	
		201								
<b>Dulwich Library</b> ...	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly .. Quarterly	23 59 53 3	1,100	Do.	...					
		138								
<b>Livesey Library</b> ...	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly .. Quarterly	24 60 71 4	1,400	Do.	...					
		159				1,176,079	4,643	631	656	
<b>Nunhead Library</b> ...	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly .. Quarterly	20 38 49 1	800	Do.	...					
		108								
<b>Neate-street Library</b> ...	...	...	...	...	...					
<b>South London Art Gallery</b>	...	...	...	...	Art Gallery—Loan exhibitions of pictures are held here from time to time. Admission to the gallery is quite free. Hours when open— Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Week-days, 2-10 p.m.					
<b>Camberwell and Lambeth—</b> Minet Library ...	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly ..	19 70 49	1,300	Week - days, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Children's reading room—This room is for the use of children from 7 to 14 years of age, and contained at the end of 1897-8 937 books for reading on the premises, the issue of these books during the year being 16,043. The juvenile periodicals are also kept in the room. Hours when open— Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 5.30-8.30 p.m. Saturdays and school holidays, 2.30-4.30 p.m., and 5.30-8.30 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last week in July.	Camberwell, 1,176,079 Lambeth, 1,701,786	650a	—	101	
		138				2,877,865				
<b>Chelsea—</b> Central Library ...	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly ... Quarterly	47 131 110 2	Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Wednesdays, 9-11 a.m. and 5-10 p.m.; other week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Bank holidays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed on Good Friday and Christmas-day	Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Wednesdays, 9-11 a.m. and 5-10 p.m.; other week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Bank holidays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed on Good Friday and Christmas-day	"The Queen Victoria Gallery"—This was originally used as a ladies' reading-room and has only recently been established as a gallery. It contains a collection of old prints and drawings relating to Chelsea Boys' room—This room is for boys under 14 years of age and contained on 31st May, 1898, 455 books for reading on the premises. The issues of these books during year numbered 4,477 on Sundays and 17,738 on week-days Hours when open— Sundays, 5.30-9 p.m. Saturdays and school holidays, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; other week-days, 5.30-9 p.m. Bank-holidays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed on Good Friday and Christmas-day					
		290	1,061							
<b>Branch Library</b>	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly	28 54 42	Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Bank holidays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed on Good Friday and Christmas-day	Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Bank holidays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed on Good Friday and Christmas-day	Ladies' reading-room—This room contains a few of the periodicals and is open same hours as newsroom Boys' room—The same rules apply to this room as to the boys' room at Central Library. The stock of books was 270, the issues being 2,038 on Sundays and 15,241 on week-days	803,458	3,222	1,000	453	
		124	719							

(a) Camberwell and Lambeth—This figure represents the amount of the annual joint contribution of the Camberwell and Lambeth parishes.



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accounts for 1897-8 in respect of libraries.									Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of libraries.				Loans out-standing at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
Expenditure.				Receipts in aid of expenditure.				Net expenditure falling on rates.	Purchase of site.	Erection of buildings.	Furniture and fittings and purchase of books.	Total.		
Books, periodicals, binding, &c.	Salaries and wages.	Establishment and other.	Total expenditure.	Fines, catalogues and tickets.	Rents.	Other.	Total receipts in-aid.							
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ 3,000	£ 10,000	£ —	£ 13,000	£ 10,575	A portion of the site at rear of library was purchased by Vestry for an open space for £1,000. This money was applied to the repayment of the loan of £3,000 borrowed for the purchase of the site.
									—	—	—	—	—	The site was presented to the parish and a donation of £5,000 was received towards the erection of the building.
									—	—	—	—	—	The freehold of this library was presented to the parish.
1,570	1,648	360	4,865	300	—	15	315	4,550a	—	—	—	—	—	The site was acquired in 1893-4 for £630 out of revenue, and a donation of £2,500 was received towards the erection of the building.
									—	—	—	—	—	These premises are held on a yearly tenancy at an annual rental of £18.
									—	—	—	—	—	The scheme was originally started in 1887 with a free exhibition of a few pictures in a shop front in Camberwell-road. The present gallery was provided entirely out of private subscriptions.
213	334	35	683	75	—	—	75	608	—	—	—	—	—	The freehold of this library was presented jointly to the two parishes. The library is actually situated just within the boundary of Camberwell parish; it is maintained out of an annual joint contribution of £650 from the Camberwell and Lambeth parishes.
1,053	810	76	3,392	134	—	68	202	3,190	700	10,700	750	12,150	9,573	The site was presented to the parish, the loan of £700 being for the purpose of acquiring certain leasehold interests. The total capital cost of this library was £12,966.
									2,000	2,900	400	5,300	3,830	The total capital cost of this library was £5,255.

(a) Camberwell—In addition to this amount falling on rates, £325 was contributed out of the library rate towards the maintenance of the joint library of the Camberwell and Lambeth parishes.

Parish or district served by library, and name and situation of library.	Authority administering the Public Libraries Acts.	Estimated population of parish or district, April, 1898.	Date of adoption of Libraries Acts by parish or district.	Date of opening of library.	Lending				
					Classification of books.			Classification of borrowers.	
					Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for home reading during 1897-8.	Class.	Number at end of 1897-8.
<b>Christchurch, South-wark—</b> Christchurch Library, 179, Blackfriars-road	Commissioners	11,948	Feb., 1888	Oct., 1889. Freehold building, June, 1898	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Science ... .. History, biography and correspondence Other ... ..	1,310 32 207 970 1,268	10,326 89 182 874 1,319	[No classification available]	420
						3,787	12,790		
<b>Clapham—</b> Clapham Library, (a) 1, North-side, Clapham-common	Commissioners	51,093	July, 1887	Oct., 1889	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Arts, sciences and natural history History, biography and correspondence Other ... ..	2,692 560 716 1,361 1,804	50,780 7,081 1,666 3,408 4,824	[No classification available]	3,663
						7,133	67,759		
<b>Clerkenwell—</b> Clerkenwell Library, (b) Skinner-street	Vestry of Clerkenwell	66,810	Dec., 1887	News-room, Nov., 1888 Lending library, March, 1889 Permanent building, Oct., 1890 Juvenile room, April, 1898	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Sciences ... .. History and geography Other ... ..	5,919 637 1,705 4,605	82,307 10,629 1,700 5,292 13,023	Ages—8-16 ... .. over 16 ... .. Total borrowers ... .. Borrowers holding students' tickets ... .. Total tickets ... ..	982 3,214 4,196 359 4,555
						12,866	112,951		
<b>Fulham—</b> Central Library, (c) 592, Fulham-road	Vestry of Fulham	120,335	Nov., 1886	Nov., 1887	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Art, sciences and natural history History, voyages and travels Other ... ..	3,632 654 1,166 1,203 3,668	91,619 16,740 4,163 3,570 11,844		
						10,323	127,936		
<b>Branch Library, (c)</b> 132, Wandsworth-bridge-road, Fulham				Reading-rooms, Jan., 1896 Lending library, March, 1898	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Arts, sciences and natural history History, voyages and travels Other ... ..	586 63 51 118 343	10,960 1,583 111 257 1,080	Males ... .. Females ... .. Ratepayers ... .. Non-ratepayers ... ..	3,345 2,916 1,558 4,703
						1,161	13,991		6,261d
<b>Hammersmith—</b> Central Library, Ravenscourt-park	Vestry of Hammersmith	105,783	1d. rate, Dec., 1887 1d. rate, April, 1895	News rooms, Aug., 1889 Lending and reference libraries, March, 1890	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Arts and sciences History and biography Other ... ..	3,234 1,203 1,088 1,446 3,181	53,664 8,763 1,781 2,506 6,506	Borrowers holding— Readers' tickets ... .. Music do. ... .. Total tickets ... ..	2,385 47 2,432
						10,152	73,220		
<b>Passmore Edwards Library,</b> Uxbridge-road, Shepherd's-bush				News rooms, June, 1896 Lending and reference libraries, Dec., 1896	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Arts and sciences History and biography Other ... ..	3,117 1,175 1,129 1,420 2,562	83,969 19,506 4,683 4,945 11,955	Borrowers holding— Readers' tickets ... .. Music do. ... .. Total tickets ... ..	3,378 159 3,537
						9,403	124,958		
<b>Reading - room and Delivery station,</b> Letchford-gardens, College-park				April, 1899	...	...	...	...	...

(a) Clapham—The statistics of the books and borrowers relate to the year ended 31st October, 1898.

(b) Clerkenwell—The statistics of the books and borrowers relate to the year ended 31st December, 1898.

(c) Fulham—The statistics of the books and borrowers relate to the year ended 31st December, 1898.

(d) Fulham—This figure represents the number of borrowers enrolled during the last two years, and not the number actually holding tickets at the end of year. The number of tickets cancelled through removals, &amp;c., cannot be ascertained.



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Accommodation of public libraries.						
department.		Reference department.				
Hours during which books are issued.	Qualifications for borrowers and other particulars.	Classification of books.			Hours during which books are issued.	Other particulars.
		Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for reference purposes during 1897-8.		
Weekdays, except Fridays, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last week in August	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 12 years of age rated, resident or employed in parish Period of tickets—2 years Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	Science ... .. History, biography and correspondence Other ... ..	6 232 492  730	75 190 1,071  1,336	Week-days, 10 a.m.-9.30 p.m. Closed on public holidays, and last week in August	There is no separate room for reference at this library, the newsroom being used for this purpose.
Weekdays, except Thursdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed on public holidays and first 14 days in August	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 15 years of age rated or resident in parish. Period of tickets—2 years Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	[No classification available]	1,014	2,275	Weekdays, except Thursdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed on public holidays and first 14 days in August	About 200 of the reference books are kept in open cases, no record being taken of the times used.
Weekdays, 10.30 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 8 years of age rated, resident or employed in parish; also any person on payment of 7s. 6d. per annum Borrowers over 13 years of age may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing non-fictional works Period of tickets—1 year Time allowed for borrowing—14 days Borrowers are allowed open access to the shelves of lending library for purpose of selecting books	Science ... .. History and geography Other ... ..	337 1,106 3,734  5,177	603 3,488 14,116  18,207	Sundays, 3-9 p.m. (October to May only) Weekdays, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays	The magazines and reviews are kept in the reference room. The average attendance during 1898 was 460 on weekdays and 129 on Sundays; and the number of books issued on Sundays amounted to 1,586.
Week-days except Thursdays, 10 a.m.—9 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 14 years of age rated, resident or employed in parish Period of tickets—2 years Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	Art, sciences and natural history History, voyages and travels Other ... ..	[No classification available]   3,838	1,523 1,711 2,175  5,409	Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Week-days, 9 a.m.—10 p.m. Closed on Good Friday and Christmas-day	...
Do.	Do.	Art, sciences and natural history History, voyages and travels Other ... ..	[No classification available]   203	207 1,205 2,681  4,093	Do.	...
Week-days except Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m.—9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and first week in July	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 13 years of age rated or resident in parish Borrowers may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing musical scores Period of tickets—1 year Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	Arts and sciences ... History and biography Other ... ..	[No classification available]   3,201	860 378 1,157  2,395	Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m.—12 noon and 6—10 p.m., other week-days, 10.30 a.m.—10 p.m. Closed on public holidays	...
Do.	Do.	Arts and sciences ... History and biography Other ... ..	[No classification available]   323	451 263 921  1,635	Do.	...
Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 2-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and first week in July	Do.	...	...	...	...	...

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## II.—Public Libraries

Parish or district and name of library.	Accommodation of public libraries—continued.				Particulars of special accommodation provided.	Statutory rateable value of parish or district, 6th April, 1898.	Estimated produce of the library rate, 1898-9.	Abstract of	
	News and reading rooms.		Estimated average daily attendance.	Hours during which news, &c., rooms are open.				Interest and re-payment of loans.	Expenditure on repairs and maintenance of buildings.
	Classification of newspapers, periodicals, &c., provided at library.	Number.							
	Class.								
<b>Christchurch, South-wark—</b> Christchurch Library ...	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly	14 44 27 85	600	Week-days, 9 a.m.-9.30 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last week in August	Ladies' reading-room—This room contains a few of the periodicals and is open same hours as newsroom	£125,42	£520	£96	£194
<b>Clapham—</b> Clapham Library ...	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly Quarterly	16 68 70 7 161	800	Week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on Good Friday, Christmas-day, and the 3 days following August bank-holiday	...	305,626	1,200	300	202
<b>Clerkenwell—</b> Clerkenwell Library ...	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly	30 87 145 262	1,430 (news-room only)	<i>Newsroom—</i> Week-days, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays <i>Magazine room—</i> Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Juvenile room—Children from 8 to 16 years of age and resident in parish may obtain tickets for the use of this room. It contains the juvenile lending library, and about 200 books for reading on the premises; the juvenile periodicals are also kept here. There were 2,093 tickets in use on 31st March, 1899 Hours when open— Saturdays, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; other week-days, 5-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays	410,335	1,575	354	213
<b>Fulham—</b> Central Library ...	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly Quarterly	27 154 110 8 299	Sundays, 360 Week-days, 1,000	Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on Good Friday and Christmas Day.	...	612,039	2,450	590	333
Branch Library ...	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly Quarterly	22 73 86 2 133	Sundays, 175 Week-days, 350	Do.	...				
<b>Hammersmith—</b> Central Library ...	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly Quarterly	20 87 75 4 186	Sundays, 700 Week-days, 700	Sundays, 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-12 noon and 6-10 p.m., other week-days, 9.0 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays.	...	598,207	2,370	190	515
Passmore Edwards Library	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly Quarterly	27 69 40 1 137	Sundays, 1,200 Week-days, 1,200	Do.	Boys' room—This room is for boys under 14 years of age, and contained at end of 1897-8 252 books on open shelves for reading on the premises. The average daily attendance during year was 57. Hours when open— Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m., Saturdays, 10.30 a.m.-8 p.m., other week-days, 5-8 p.m. Closed on public holidays				
Reading-room and Delivery Station	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly	12 29 11 52	50	Do. Closed on Sundays from June to September.	...				

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Accounts for 1897-8 in respect of libraries.										Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of libraries.				Loans outstanding at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
Expenditure.				Receipts in aid of expenditure.				Net expenditure falling on rates.		Purchase of site.		Erection of buildings.	Furniture and fittings and purchase of books.	Total.	
Books, periodicals, binding, &c.	Salaries and wages.	Establishment and other.	Total expenditure.	Fines, catalogues and tickets.	Rents.	Other.	Total receipts in-aid.			£	£	£	£	£	
76	167	23	556	13	62	9	84	472		3,500		—	3,500	3,452	This library was adapted from two private houses, the freeholds of which were purchased for £2,500. The alterations carried out cost about £2,500. Since 1897-8, an additional loan of £1,000 has been borrowed.
97	404	30	1,033	31	—	—	31	1,002		1,100	2,200	1,000	4,300	2,510	A donation of £2,000 was received towards the erection of the building.
446	517	29	1,559	91	—	4	95	1,464		—	5,500	500	6,000	4,650	The site is held on a lease of 80 years from the Skinners' Company, at a rental of £17 per annum.
564	687	86	2,280	57	—	3	60	2,200		5,000		1,800	6,800	3,200	This library was adapted from a private house, the freehold of which was purchased for £4,500. The average number of visitors at this library on Sundays during 1898 was 360 and on weekdays 1,467.
										—	2,600	—	2,600	2,340	The site was acquired in 1893 out of revenue at a cost of £260. The average number of visitors at this library on Sundays during 1898 was 175, and on weekdays 419. A series of 20 free lectures was given at this library during the winter season, 1898-9.
381	687	201	1,974	174	—	27	201	1,773		—	—	1,500	1,500	—	This library was adapted from a private house, and is held from the London County Council on a lease of 21 years granted in 1888 at a nominal rental of £10 per annum. The loan of £1,500 borrowed in 1889 was for the purchase of books.
										—	—	1,500	1,500	1,350	The site and the library building were presented to the parish. The loan of £1,500 was borrowed for the purpose of fittings and furniture.
										—	—	—	—	—	The total capital cost of this branch was £1,313 and was met out of revenue. The cost of the site was £249, and of the buildings and fittings £1,064.

Parish or district served by library, and name and situation of library.	Authority administering the Public Libraries Acts.	Estimated population of parish or district, April, 1898.	Date of adoption of Libraries Acts by parish or district.	Date of opening of library.	Lending				
					Classification of books.			Classification of borrowers.	
					Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for home reading during 1897-8.	Class.	Number at end of 1897-8.
<b>Hampstead—</b> Central Library, Finchley-road	Vestry of Hampstead.	79,706	Feb., 1893	News-rooms, Nov., 1897. Reference library, Jan., 1898. Lending library, Jan., 1899.	...	...	...	...	...
Kilburn Library, 48, Priory-road				News-rooms, Oct., 1894. Reference library, Jan., 1895. Lending library, April, 1895.	Prose fiction ... .. Natural science ... .. History, travel and biography ... .. Other ... ..	2,360 405 1,404 2,202	68,183 2,018 10,434 11,311	Professional ... .. Commercial and trading ... .. Artisan and labouring... .. Domestic... .. Home occupation ... .. Scholars and students ... .. Not stated ... ..	421 738 126 33 755 127 463
						6,371	91,946		2,668
Bel-size Library, Antrim-street, Haverstock-hill				Reference library and news-room, April, 1897. Lending library, Dec., 1897.	Prose fiction ... .. Natural science ... .. History, travel and biography ... .. Other ... ..	2,201 412 1,106 2,088	12,063 605 2,437 3,754	Professional ... .. Commercial and trading ... .. Artisan and labouring... .. Domestic ... .. Home occupation ... .. Scholars and students... .. Not stated ... ..	317 349 67 29 296 298 255
						5,807	18,859		1,611
Reading-room, Stanfield-house, Prince Arthur-road				March, 1894	...	...	...	...	...
Open-air Newspaper Stand, South-end-green	Site for West End Library, Westbere-road, Mill-lane			Sept., 1894	...	...	...	...	...
				...	...	...	...	...	...
				...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Holborn District—</b> Holborn Library, (a) 10, John-street, Bedford-row	Commissioners.	31,249	May, 1891	Jan., 1893.	Prose fiction and juvenile Arts and science ... .. History and biography ... .. Other ... ..	3,089 965 933 2,520	35,965 2,115 1,852 6,461	Professional ... .. Commercial and trading ... .. Artisan and labouring... .. Domestic ... .. Students ... .. Females not stated ... .. Males not stated ... ..	183 599 287 42 37 285 31
						7,507	46,393		1,414
<b>Kensington—</b> Central Library, (b) High-street, Kensington	Commissioners	170,254	June, 1887	Nov., 1889.	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Science, natural history, art, &c. History and biography ... .. Other ... ..	4,061 922 1,583 2,759	45,491 2,321 4,619 10,765	[No classification available]	3,100
						9,325	74,566		
North Kensington Library, (b) Ladbroke-grove				Temporary premises, Jan., 1888 Permanent building, Oct., 1891	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Science, natural history, art, &c. History and biography ... .. Other ... ..	4,386 1,495 1,534 3,683	46,760 11,690 3,374 4,469 14,582	[No classification available]	2,355
						11,098	80,875		
Brompton Library, (b) Old Brompton-road				Temporary premises, Nov., 1888 New premises, 1892	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Science, natural history, art, &c. History and biography ... .. Other ... ..	2,551 588 800 1,618	26,687 6,695 985 2,413 7,647	[No classification available]	905
						5,357	44,427		

(a) Holborn—The statistics of books and borrowers relate to the year ended 31st May, 1898.

(b) Kensington—The statistics of books relate to the year ended 31st December, 1895; this is the latest period for which statistics have been compiled.



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Accommodation of public libraries.						
Lending department.		Reference department.				
Hours during which books are issued.	Qualifications for borrowers and other particulars.	Classification of books.			Hours during which books are issued.	Other particulars.
		Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for reference purposes during 1897-8.		
Week-days, except Wednesday, 10.30 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last week in June	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 15 years of age rated or resident in parish Borrowers may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing non-fictional works. Period of tickets—1 year. Time allowed for borrowing—7, 10 or 14 days (according to size and character of books)	Natural science ... History, travel and biography ... Other ...	[No classification available]  1,000 (about)	102 202 524	Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Week-days, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Closed on public holidays.	...
Do.	Do.	Natural science ... History, travel and biography ... Other ...	3 71 186	235 632 1,204	Do.	...
Do.	Do.	Natural science ... History, travel and biography ... Other ...	8 68 43	187 343 812	Do.	...
...	...	...	119	1,342	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Week-days, except Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and for 6 days from last Saturday in June.	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 12 years of age rated, resident or employed in district; also any person on payment of 10s. per year. Borrowers may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing non-fictional works. Period of tickets—1 year. Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	Arts and sciences ... History and biography ... Other ...	193 351 701	1,534 882 4,178	Week-days, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Closed on public holidays.	...
			1,245	6,594		
Week-days, except Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 14 years of age rated or resident in parish Period of tickets—2 years Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	Science, natural history, art, &c. History and biography Other ...	1,741 2,905 5,639	4,587 4,291 11,279	Thursdays, 1.30-10 p.m.; other week-days, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays	...
Week-days, except Wednesday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Do.	...	10,285	20,157	...	There is no reference department at this library, but where books of the lending department were issued for reference purposes, such issues have been included under lending department.
Do.	Do.	...	...	...	...	Do.

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Accommodation of public libraries—continued.									
Parish or district and name of library.	News and reading rooms.				Particulars of special accommodation provided.	Statutory rateable value of parish or district, 6th April, 1898.	Estimated produce of the library rate, 1898-9.	Abstract of	
	Classification of newspapers, periodicals, &c., provided at library.		Estimated average daily attendance.	Hours during which news, &c., rooms are open.				Expenditure.	
	Class.	Number.						Interest and re-payment of loans.	Repairs and maintenance of buildings.
<b>Hampstead—</b>						£	£	£	£
Central Library	Daily ...	27	Sun-	Sundays, 3-9 p.m.	...	824,666	3,880	82	376
	Weekly ...	97	days,	Week-days, 9 a.m.-					
	Monthly	53	240	10 p.m.					
	Quarterly	8	Week-	Closed on Good					
		185	days,	Friday and Christ-					
			800	mas-day					
<b>Kilburn Library</b>	Daily ...	15	Sun-	Do.	...				
	Weekly ...	57	days,						
	Monthly	37	100						
		109	Week-						
			days,						
			300						
<b>Belsize Library...</b>	Daily ...	16	Sun-	Do.	...				
	Weekly ...	48	days,						
	Monthly	22	60						
		86	Week-						
			days,						
			300						
<b>Reading-room ...</b>	Daily ...	18	Sun-	Sundays, 4-10 p.m.	...				
	Weekly ...	35	days,	Weekdays, 8.30					
	Monthly	21	80	a.m.-10.30 p.m.					
		74	Week-	Closed on Good					
			days,	Friday and Christ-					
			200	mas-day					
<b>Open-air Newspaper Stand</b>	...	...	...	...	A copy of a London daily paper is exhibited on this stand each weekday				
<b>Site for West End Library</b>	...	...	...	...	...				
<b>Holborn District—</b>									
Holborn Library	Daily ...	20	900	Weekdays, 9 a.m.-	...	420,680	825a	174	185
	Weekly ...	58		10 p.m.					
	Monthly	58		Closed on public					
	Quarterly	4		holidays					
		140							
<b>Kensington—</b>									
Central Library	Daily ...	21	1,390	Thursdays, 10 a.m.-	...				
	Weekly ...	72		10 p.m.; other					
	Monthly	69		week-days, 9 a.m.-					
	Quarterly	12		10 p.m.					
		174		Closed on public					
				holidays					
<b>North Kensington Library</b>	Daily ...	16	Sun-	Sundays, 4-9 p.m.	...				
	Weekly ...	52	days,	Wednesdays, 1.30-					
	Monthly	48	112	10 p.m.; other					
	Quarterly	4	Week-	weekdays, 8 a.m.-					
		120	days,	10 p.m.		2,107,991	4,030b	872	629
			881	Closed on public					
				holidays					
<b>Brompton Library</b>	Daily ...	13	432	Wednesdays, 12	...				
	Weekly ...	40		noon-10 p.m.;					
	Monthly	47		other weekdays,					
	Quarterly	5		9 a.m.-10 p.m.					
		105		Closed on public					
				holidays					

(a) Holborn—Only a halfpenny rate is authorised to be levied for library purposes.

(b) Kensington—Only a halfpenny rate is authorised to be levied for library purposes.

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accounts for 1897-8 in respect of libraries.									Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of libraries.				Loans outstanding at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
Expenditure.				Receipts in aid of expenditure.				Net expenditure falling on rates.	Purchase of site.	Erection of buildings.	Furniture and fittings and purchase of books.	Total.		
Books, periodicals, binding, &c.	Salaries and wages.	Establishment and other.	Total expenditure.	Fines, catalogues and tickets.	Rents.	Other.	Total receipts in aid.		£	£	£	£	£	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	1,920	—	—	1,920	1,874	Donations to the amount of £5,350 were received towards erection of building. The total cost of library building was £5,720, and furniture and fittings £996.
									—	—	—	—	—	These premises are held on a yearly tenancy at an annual rental of £120. The vestry has recently agreed to purchase a site for a permanent library in Cotleigh-road for £1,200.
1,162	729	324	2,973	99	—	74	173	2,800	—	2,000		2,000	2,000	The site was purchased in 1896 out of revenue for £400. The total cost of library building was £1,776, and furniture and fittings £500.
									—	—	—	—	—	Prior to March, 1894, this reading room had been kept up by the Committee of the Stanfield-house Subscription Library. It is now held from them at a nominal rental of £3 per annum.
									—	—	—	—	—	...
									—	—	—	—	—	A loan of £600 has lately been sanctioned by the Local Government Board for purchase of this site, and the vestry have applied for sanction to a further loan of £2,500 for the erection of building.
211	260	35	865	39	—	10	49	816	2,650		350	3,000	2,545	This library was adapted from a private house, the freehold of which was purchased in March, 1892, for £2,100. The cost of alterations amounted to about £550.
									—	—	—	—	—	These premises, which originally served as the Kensington Vestry Hall, are held from the Churchwardens and Overseers of Kensington at an annual rental of £100. The cost of adapting and fitting them up as a library was about £1,400 and was defrayed out of ordinary revenue.
									4,050	3,864	836	8,750	5,991	...
814	1,478	246	4,039	76	—	51	127	3,912	—	2,800	470	3,270	2,330	This library was adapted from some premises which were purchased in 1892 on a lease of 60 years, subject to an annual ground rent of £35.



## II.—Public Libraries

Parish or district served by library, and name and situation of library.	Authority administering the Public Libraries Acts.	Estimated population of parish or district, April, 1898.	Date of adoption of Libraries Acts by parish or district.	Date of opening of library.	Lending				
					Classification of books.			Classification of borrowers.	
					Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for home reading during 1897-8.	Class.	Number at end of 1897-8.
Lambeth— Tate Central Library, (a) Brixton-oval, Brixton-road				March, 1893	Prose fiction ... ..	5,160	153,642	Non-ratepayers— Ages—14-20 ... ..	1,440
					Juvenile ... ..	1,690	30,642	21-40 ... ..	2,287
					Arts and sciences ...	2,201	10,876	41-60 ... ..	470
					History and biography	2,491	9,163	over 60 ... ..	138
					Other ... ..	4,237	19,891	not stated ... ..	178
						15,779	224,214		4,513
								Ratepayers ... ..	2,804
									7,317
West Norwood Library, (a) 14, Knight's-hill				Reading rooms, July, 1888, Lending library, Oct., 1888.	Prose fiction ... ..	3,939	80,279	Non-ratepayers— Ages—14-20 ... ..	703
					Juvenile ... ..	961	12,563	21-40 ... ..	835
					Arts and sciences ...	1,369	5,135	41-60 ... ..	186
					History and biography	1,721	4,691	over 60 ... ..	47
					Other ... ..	3,016	13,385	not stated ... ..	599
						11,006	116,053		2,370
								Ratepayers ... ..	863
									3,233
Tate Library, (a) South Lambeth-road				Dec., 1888	Prose fiction ... ..	3,186	62,693	Non-ratepayers— Ages—14-20 ... ..	841
					Juvenile ... ..	727	13,421	21-40 ... ..	1,036
					Arts and sciences ...	1,075	4,129	41-60 ... ..	300
					History and biography	1,406	4,069	over 60 ... ..	53
					Other ... ..	2,827	19,276	not stated ... ..	100
						9,221	103,588		2,330
								Ratepayers ... ..	485
									2,815
Durning Library, (a) 167, Lower Kenning- ton-lane, Kennington-cross				Nov., 1889	Prose fiction ... ..	2,848	44,466	Non-ratepayers— Ages—14-20 ... ..	462
					Juvenile ... ..	800	11,073	21-40 ... ..	651
					Arts and sciences ...	1,098	4,192	41-60 ... ..	110
					History and biography	1,619	3,631	over 60 ... ..	33
					Other ... ..	2,613	13,020	not stated ... ..	112
						8,978	75,782		1,368
								Ratepayers ... ..	547
									1,915
North Lambeth Library, (a) 74, Lower Marsh				Temporary reading rooms, 1889. Permanent building, Dec., 1891.	Prose fiction ... ..	2,925	27,458	Non-ratepayers— Ages—14-20 ... ..	434
					Juvenile ... ..	382	6,688	21-40 ... ..	399
					Arts and sciences ...	936	2,124	41-60 ... ..	91
					History and biography	1,270	1,645	over 60 ... ..	11
					Other ... ..	1,560	12,530	not stated ... ..	38
						7,073	50,445		973
								Ratepayers ... ..	291
									1,264
Lambeth and Croydon— Site for Joint Library, Gipsy-hill	Lambeth Commis- sioners and Croydon Corpora- tion	Lam- beth, 298,106 Croy- don, 124,120 422,226	Lam- beth, D-c., 1886 Croy- don, Nov., 1888	...	...	...	...	...	...

(a) Lambeth—The statistics of the books and borrowers relate to the year ended 31st December, 1898.

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Accommodation of public libraries.						
Lending department.		Reference department.				
Hours during which books are issued.	Qualifications for borrowers and other particulars.	Classification of books.			Hours during which books are issued.	Other particulars.
		Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for reference purposes during 1897-8.		
Week-days, except Wednesday, 10.30 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last week in July.	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 14 years of age rated or resident in parish. Borrowers may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing non-fictional works. Period of tickets—1 year. Time allowed for borrowing—14 days.	Arts and sciences ... History and biography ... Commerce, politics and statistics ... Other ...	[No classification available.] 11,876	15,308 9,573 12,801 26,982 64,664	Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Weekdays, 10.30 a.m.-10 p.m. Bank holidays, 3-9 p.m. Closed on Good Friday, Christmas-day and last week in July	...
Do.	Do.	...	...	...	...	There is no reference department at this library, but where books of the lending department were used for reference purposes, such issues have been included under lending department.
Do.	Do.	...	...	...	...	Do.
Do.	Do.	...	...	...	...	Do.
Do.	Do.	...	...	...	...	Do.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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Parish or district and name of library.	Accommodation of public libraries—continued.					Statutory rateable value of parish or district, 6th April, 1898.	Estimated produce of the library rate, 1898-9.	Abstract of	
	News and reading rooms.			Hours during which news, &c., rooms are open.	Particulars of special accommodation provided.			Expen-	
	Classification of newspapers, periodicals, &c., provided at library.		Estimated average daily attendance.					Interest and re-payment of loans.	Repairs and main-tenance of build-ings.
	Class.	Num-ber.							
Lambeth— Tate Central Library	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly... Quarterly	27 132 50 5	Sun- days, 900 Week- days, 2,300	Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Weekdays, 9 a.m.- 10 p.m. Bank-holidays, 3-9 p.m. Closed on Good Friday, Christ- mas-day and last week in July	Ladies' reading room—This room contains a few of the periodicals and is open same hours as news, &c., room	£	£	£	£
		214							
West Norwood Library	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly...	18 78 50	Sun- days, 80 Week- days, 1,000	Do.	Do.				
		146							
Tate Library...	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly...	25 79 49	Sun- days, 130 Week- days, 1,100	Do.	Do.				
		153				1,701,786	6,875	349	1,157
Darning Library ...	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly...	27 72 39	Sun- days, 250 Week- days, 1,350	Do	...				
		138							
North Lambeth Library	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly...	40 92 33	Sun- days, 1,000 Week- days, 2,500	Do.	...				
		165							
Lambeth and Croydon— Site for Joint Library	...	...	...	...	...	Lam- beth, 1,701,786 Croy- don, 752,318 2,454,604	700a	—	—

(a) Lambeth and Croydon—This figure represents the amount of the annual joint contribution of the Lambeth and Croydon parishes.



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accounts for 1897-8 in respect of libraries.									Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of libraries.				Loans out-standing at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
diture.				Receipts in aid of expenditure.				Net expendi-ture falling on rates.	Purchase of site.	Erection of buildings.	Furniture and fittings and purchase of books.	Total.		
Books, periodicals, binding, &c.	Salaries and wages.	Estab-lishment and other.	Total expen-diture.	Fines, cata-logues and tickets.	Rents.	Other.	Total receipts in-aid.							
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
									—	—	—	—	—	The freehold of this library was pre-sented to the parish.
									—	—	—	—	—	The site was presented to the parish and the building was erected out of revenue at a cost of about £4,500.
									—	—	—	—	—	The freehold of this library was pre-sented to the parish.
1,681	2,572	255	6,014	347	34	14	395	5,619 <sup>a</sup>						
									—	—	—	—	—	The freehold of this library was pre-sented to the parish.
									—	5,000	—	5,000	2,500	The site was presented to the parish.
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	This site is just within the boundary of Lambeth parish, and was pur-chased in July, 1898, jointly by the Lambeth Commissioners and the Croydon Corporation, the former raising a loan of £1,275 for payment of their part of purchase money. The library is in course of erection, and when built will be maintained by an annual contribution of £350 from each authority.

(<sup>a</sup>) Lambeth—In addition to this amount falling on rates, £325 was contributed out of the library rate towards the maintenance of the joint library of the Camberwell and Lambeth parishes (see pp. 42-45).

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Parish or district served by library, and name and situation of library.	Authority administering the Public Libraries Acts.	Estimated population of parish or district, April, 1898.	Date of adoption of Libraries Acts by parish or district.	Date of opening of library.	Lending				
					Classification of books.			Classification of borrowers.	
					Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for home reading during 1897-8.	Class.	Number at end of 1897-8.
<b>Lewisham—</b> <i>Site for</i> Central Library, High-street, Lewisham	Vestry of Lewisham	91,798	June, 1890	...	...	...	...	...	...
Perry-hill Library, 18, Perry-hill, Catford				Newsroom. July, 1891 Lending library. Nov., 1891	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Science ... .. History, topography, geography, voyages and travels ... .. Other ... ..	2,320 460 430 1,020 3,140	71,079 6,514 2,128 4,155 11,628	Ratepayers ... .. Non-ratepayers ... ..	1,144 2,278
<i>Site for</i> Sydenham Library, Dartmouth-road, Forest-hill				...	...	7,370	95,504	...	...
<b>Limehouse District</b>	Commissioners	57,669	May, 1898	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Mile-end Old-town</b> [Nothing has yet been done, the matter being still under consideration]	Vestry of Mile-end Old-town	110,388	Feb., 1896	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Newington—</b> Newington Library, 155, Walworth-road	Vestry of Newington	120,922	Oct., 1890	Lending library and newsroom, Nov., 1893 Reference library, April, 1895 Boys' library, April, 1896	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Art, science, natural history, domestic economy, &c. History, biography and travels ... .. Other ... ..	5,123 1,650 1,651 3,413 2,747	89,955 27,598 5,204 8,542 11,221	Professional ... .. Commercial and trading Artisan and labouring... Domestic ... .. Scholars and students ... Housewives ... .. Not stated ... .. Males ... .. Females ... ..	358 1,182 1,383 45 1,299 186 905 3,275 2,083
						14,584	142,520		5,358
<b>Penge—</b> Penge Library, (a) Oakfield-road, Anerley	Commissioners.	21,423	Sept., 1891	Reading-room, June, 1892 Lending library, July, 1894 Permanent building, July, 1899	Prose fiction and juvenile Arts, sciences and natural history History, biography, geography and travel Other ... ..	3,175 656 1,237 1,518	65,715 2,508 3,761 5,359	[No classification available.]	2,797
						6,586	77,383		
<b>Plumstead—</b> <i>Site for</i> Plumstead Library, Gossage-road, Plumstead	Commissioners	61,832	Feb., 1898	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Poplar—</b> Central Library, (b) 126, High-street, Poplar	Vestry of Poplar	57,843	Dec., 1890	Temporary reading-room, Dec., 1892. Permanent building, Oct., 1894.					
Branch Library, (b) Wharf-road, Cubitt-town				Nov., 1895	Prose fiction and juvenile Science, art, trades and manufactures History and biography Other ... ..	4,226 1,810 2,056 2,833	59,312 3,400 2,515 7,632	[No classification available.]	2,875
						10,925	72,859		

(a) Penge—The statistics of the books and borrowers relate to the year ended 31st December, 1898.

(b) Poplar—The statistics of the books and borrowers relate to the year ended 28th February, 1899.

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department.		Reference department.				
Hours during which books are issued.	Qualifications for borrowers and other particulars.	Classification of books.			Hours during which books are issued.	Other particulars.
		Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for reference purposes during 1897-8.		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Week-days, except Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and first 2 weeks in July	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 14 years of age rated or resident in parish Period of tickets—1 year Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	...	...	...	...	There are about 1,900 reference books in the library, but these are infrequently used, there being no proper accommodation available on the premises
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Week-days, except Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last clear week in July	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 14 years of age rated, resident or teachers in parish; also children (without regard to age) attending school in parish Borrowers may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing non-fictional works Period of tickets—2 years Time allowed for borrowing—7 days	Art, science, natural history, domestic economy, &c. History, biography and travels Other ... .. 6,000	1,597 2,444 1,959 6,000	4,271 9,512 9,259 23,042	Sundays, 6-9 p.m. Week-days, 10.30 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last week in July.	The average issue of books on Sundays during 1897-8 was 15.
Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., other week-days, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last clear week in July.	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 14 years of age rated, resident or employed in hamlet. Borrowers may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing non-fictional works. Period of tickets—2 years. Time allowed for borrowing—14 days.	[No classification available.]	462	[No record kept.]	Sundays, 3-6 p.m. Week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays.	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Week-days except Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 13 years of age rated, resident or employed in parish; also any person on payment of 1s. 6d. per quarter and a deposit of 5s. Borrowers may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing non-fictional works. Period of tickets—2 years. Time allowed for borrowing—14 days.	Science, art, trades and manufactures History and biography Other ... .. 1,309	453 117 829 1,309	2,083 701 4,739 7,523	Week-days, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays.	...
Week-days except Wednesdays, 5.30-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Do.	...	...	...	...	...

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Accommodation of public libraries—continued.									
Parish or district and name of library.	News and reading rooms.				Particulars of special accommodation provided.	Statutory rateable value of parish or district, 6th April, 1898.	Estimated produce of the library rate, 1898-9.	Abstract of	
	Classification of newspapers, periodicals, &c., provided at library.		Estimated average daily attendance.	Hours during which news, &c., rooms are open.				Expenditure.	
	Class.	Number.						Interest and repayment of loans.	Repairs and maintenance of buildings.
Lewisham— Site for Central Library	...	...	...	...	...	£	£	£	£
Perry-hill Library	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly ... Quarterly	12 75 57 4 <u>148</u>	400	Weekdays, 8.30 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and first two weeks in July	...	560,617	1,203a	—	153
Site for Sydenham Library	...	...	...	...	..	-			
Limehouse District	...	...	...	...	...	305,880	1,175b	—	—
Mile-end Old-town...	...	...	...	...	...	397,834	1,500c	—	—
Newington— Newington Library...	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly ... Quarterly	19 132 92 7 <u>250</u>	Sundays, 130 Weekdays, 2,000	Sundays, 6-9 p.m. Weekdays, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last week in July	Boys' room—This room contains a few of the periodicals and some books for reading on the premises. At the end of 1897-8 there were 710 of these books, and the issues during year numbered 11,003 Hours when open— Saturdays and school holidays, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; other weekdays, 6-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last week in July Loan exhibitions of pictures, &c., are held in the library from time to time	499,516	2,040	1,062	437
Penge— Penge Library	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly ...	17 74 43 <u>134</u>	Sundays, 50 Weekdays, 350	Sundays, 3-6 p.m. Weekdays, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays	...	152,283	573	—	101
Plumstead— Site for Plumstead Library	...	...	...	...	...	221,976	919	—	—
Poplar— Central Library	...	...	...	Week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays.	...	332,269	1,400	372	433
Branch Library	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly ... Quarterly	24 105 81 6 <u>216</u>	1,200	Week-days, 9.30 p.m. Closed on public holidays.	...				

(a) Lewisham—Only a halfpenny rate is authorised to be levied for library purposes. A poll was taken in April, 1892, on the proposal to increase the rate to the full penny, but this was defeated by an adverse majority of 1,006 votes.

(b) Limehouse District—No rate was levied for library purposes during 1898-9.

(c) Mile-end Old-town—No rate was levied for library purposes during 1898-9.

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accounts for 1897-8 in respect of libraries.										Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of libraries.				Loans out-standing at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
Expenditure.				Receipts in aid of expenditure.				Net expenditure falling on rates.							
Books, periodicals, binding, &c.	Salaries and wages.	Establishment and other.	Total expenditure.	Fines, catalogues and tickets.	Rents.	Other.	Total receipts in-aid.		Purchase of site.	Erection of buildings.	Furniture and fittings and purchase of books.	Total.			
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		
86	265	132 <sup>a</sup>	636	76	57	—	133	503 <sup>b</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	This site was purchased in 1891 out of revenue for £1,300. In July, 1891, the Trustees of the Lewisham Parochial Charities granted £1,500 towards the building fund, £500 being retained till the library should be in working order. No works have been commenced as yet. A temporary newsroom was opened at Lewisham in December, 1892, but was closed in June, 1897.	
									—	—	—	—	—	The freehold of this library was presented to the parish in October, 1890, together with about 2,500 volumes. The building had originally been carried on privately as a lecture hall and library.	
									—	—	—	—	—	This site was presented to the parish in December, 1890, and a donation of £1,000 was received towards the building fund. This sum remains invested in consols, as no works have been commenced as yet. A temporary newsroom was opened at Sydenham in December, 1892, but was closed in June, 1897.	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	...	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	...	
294	538	26	2,357	145	—	38	183	2,174	4,700	11,000	1,200	16,900	13,809	Free lectures and recitals are given periodically in connection with the library at the Newington Public Baths' Hall; during 1897-8 twelve were given. Lantern lectures and entertainments of a popular character are also provided at the library from time to time for boys.	
282	222	33	638	40	—	—	40	598	—	—	—	—	—	This library has been adapted from two semi-detached houses, the freeholds of which were acquired early in 1899. The total cost of purchase and alterations amounted to £1,850, towards which a loan of £1,600 has been borrowed and donations of £130 received.	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	A loan of £1,300 has recently been borrowed for the purchase of this site. The proposed buildings are estimated to cost about £5,000.	
334	472	47	1,658	41	—	26	67	1,591	—	7,000	—	7,000	6,432	This site was purchased at a total cost of £2,181, of which £1,452 was met by donations and the balance out of revenue.	
									—	—	—	—	—	These premises are held from the London County Council on a quarterly tenancy at a nominal rental of £1 per annum.	

(a) Lewisham—Including £86 preliminary expenses in connection with the proposed new libraries.

(b) Lewisham—The amount actually produced by the halfpenny rate in 1897-8 was £1,131, but only £503 was expended as shown.

Parish or district served by library, and name and situation of library.	Authority administering the Public Libraries Acts.	Estimated population of parish or district, April, 1898.	Date of adoption of Libraries Acts by parish or district.	Date of opening of library.	Lending				
					Classification of books.			Classification of borrowers.	
					Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for home reading during 1897-8.	Class.	Number at end of 1897-8.
<b>Putney—</b> Putney Library, Disraeli-road, Putney	Com- missioners	22,212	May, 1887	Reference and reading rooms, April, 1888. Lending library, June, 1889. Permanent building, May, 1899.	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Science and arts ... History and biography Other ... ..	1,757 502 535 952 2,188  5,934	43,187 5,779 1,229 1,771 8,772  60,738	Professional ... .. Commercial and trad- ing Artisan and labouring... Domestic ... .. Scholars and students ... Ladies ... .. Not stated ... ..	284 547  142 62 164 903 186  2,288
<b>Rotherhithe—</b> Central Library, Lower-road	Vestry of Rother- hithe	40,537	Nov., 1887	Reading rooms, Oct., 1890. Reference library, Oct., 1891. Lending library, May, 1892.	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Arts, sciences, natural history and music Biography, history and topography Other ... ..	2,336 602 1,324 1,342 1,619  7,223a	23,458 4,281 1,370 890 2,108  32,107	[No classification available.]	1,095
Branch Delivery Station, Trinity Schools, Trinity-street				March, 1896	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Arts, sciences, natural history and music Biography, history and topography Other ... ..	[This is merely a delivery station for books of Central Library] 514 157 50 46 80 847			
<b>St. George - in - the East—</b> St. George-in-the-East Library, Cable-street	Commis- sioners	46,421	March, 1896	News-room, Oct., 1898. Lending and refer- ence libraries, Feb., 1899	...	...	...	...	...
<b>St. George, Hanover- square—</b> Central Library, Buckingham-palace- road	Vestry of St. George, Han- over- square	79,479	June, 1890	July, 1894	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Natural science ... .. History, biography and travels Other ... ..	3,984 1,652 558 2,751 4,344  13,289	73,751 22,949 1,826 9,528 16,512  124,566	Ages—over 14 ... .. under 14 ... .. Total borrowers ... .. Borrowers holding stu- dents' tickets Total tickets ... ..	4,699 374 5,073 712 5,785
Branch Library, South Ayley-street				July, 1895	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Natural science ... .. History, biography and travels Other ... ..	2,529 861 320 1,678 2,310  7,698	26,162 4,925 534 2,967 4,749  39,337	Ages—over 14 ... .. under 14 ... .. Total borrowers ... .. Borrowers holding stu- dents' tickets Total tickets ... ..	1,427 130 1,557 287 1,844
<b>St. George-the-Mar- tyr, Southwark—</b> St. George-the-Martyr Library, Borough-road, Southwark	Commis- sioners	64,168	March, 1896	Feb., 1899	...	...	...	...	...

(a) Rotherhithe—These figures include the books which are available for reference purposes only.



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department.		Reference department.				
Hours during which books are issued.	Qualifications for borrowers and other particulars.	Classification of books.			Hours during which books are issued.	Other particulars.
		Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for reference purposes during 1897-8.		
Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 3-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.; other week-days, except Fridays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Closed on public holidays and first 10 days in July.	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons rated or resident in parish. Period of tickets—1 year. Time allowed for borrowing—7 days.	Science and arts ... History and biography ... Other ... ..	439 351 794 <hr/> 1,584	[Free access is allowed to these books.]	Week-days, 9 a.m. - 9.30 p.m. Closed on public holidays.	...
Week-days except Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last week in July.	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 14 years of age rated or resident in parish Period of tickets—1 year. Time allowed for borrowing—7 days for fictional and 14 days for non-fictional works.	Arts, sciences, natural history and music Biography, history and topography Other ... ..	[Included under lending department.] 526 591 4,443 <hr/> 5,560		Week-days, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last week in July.	...
Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.	Do.	...	...	...	...	...
Wednesdays, 12-2 p.m.; other week-days, 12-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 14 years of age rated, resident or employed in parish Period of tickets—1 year Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	...	...	...	Sundays, Good Friday and bank-holidays, 3-9 p.m.; other days, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on Christmas-day	...
Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m.-2 p.m.; other week-days, 10.30 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and for two weeks in July	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 10 years of age rated or resident in parish Borrowers over 14 years of age may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing non-fictional works Period of tickets—2 years Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	Natural science ... History, biography and travels ... Other ... ..	463 2,402 4,728 <hr/> 7,593	2,012 5,202 18,415 <hr/> 25,629	Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-10 p.m.; other week-days, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays	The 31,313 volumes consulted in the reference libraries were issued to 22,926 readers, of whom 17,615 were males and 5,311 females.
Do.	Do.	Natural science ... History, biography and travels ... Other ... ..	38 315 752 <hr/> 1,105	131 1,190 4,363 <hr/> 5,684	Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.; other week-days, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays	
Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m.-2 p.m.; other week-days, 10.30 a.m.-9.30 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 10 years of age rated, resident or employed in parish; also any person on payment of 10s. per annum Borrowers may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing non-fictional works Period of tickets—2 years Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	...	...	...	Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; other week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays	

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Parish or district and name of library.	Accommodation of public libraries—continued.					Statutory rateable value of parish or district, 6th April, 1898.	Estimated produce of the library rate, 1898-9.	Abstract of	
	News and reading rooms.			Particulars of special accommodation provided.	Expen-				
	Classification of newspapers, periodicals, &c., provided at library.	Estimated average daily attendance.	Hours during which news, &c., rooms are open.		Interest and re-payment of loans.			Repairs and maintenance of buildings.	
	Class.	Num-ber.							
<b>Putney—</b> Putney Library ...	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly.. Quarterly	22 81 69 9	1,000	Week-days, 9 a.m.-9.30 p.m. Closed on public holidays.	There is a room set apart for use as a ladies' reading-room; it is open same hours as the news and magazine rooms.	£ 188,749	£ 715	£ —	£ 157
		181							
<b>Rotherhithe—</b> Central Library ...	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly.. Quarterly	16 80 78 3	1,200	Week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last week in July.	Ladies' reading-room—This room contains a few of the periodicals Hours when open— Week-days, 9 a.m.-9.30 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last week in July.				
		177							
Branch Delivery Station ...	...	...	...	...	...	217,508	835	182	133
<b>St. George-in-the-East—</b> St. George-in-the-East Library	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly	18 62 34	700	Sundays, Good Friday and bank holidays, 3-9 p.m.; other days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on Christmas-day	Boys' room—Tickets for the use of this room can be obtained by boys from 10 to 16 years of age and resident in parish. The juvenile periodicals are kept in this room and also about 300 books for reading on the premises. Hours when open— Week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays	198,883	828	—	—
		114							
<b>St. George, Hanover-square—</b> Central Library ...	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly Quarterly	39 104 69 3	1,650	Week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Ladies' reading-room—This room contains a few of the periodicals and is open same hours as newsroom				
		215				1,988,437	3,945a	1,115	974
Branch Library ...	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly Quarterly	13 50 35 2	758	Do.	...				
		100							
<b>St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark—</b> St. George-the-Martyr Library	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly	22 49 37	500	Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; other week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Ladies' reading-room—This room contains a few of the periodicals and is open same hours as newsroom Boys' room— Hours when open— Week-days, except Wednesdays, 4-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays	291,583	1,373	—	113
		108							

(a) St. George, Hanover-square—Only a halfpenny rate is authorised to be levied for library purposes.

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accounts for 1897-8 in respect of libraries.									Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of libraries.				Loans outstanding at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
Expenditure.				Receipts in aid of expenditure.				Net expenditure falling on rates.	Purchase of site.	Erection of buildings.	Furniture and fittings and purchase of books.	Total.		
Books, periodicals, binding, &c.	Salaries and wages.	Establishment and other.	Total expenditure.	Fines, catalogues and tickets.	Rents.	Other.	Total receipts-in-aid.	£	£	£	£	£	£	
191	351	20	719	38	—	35	73	646	—	—	—	—	—	The freehold of this library was presented to the parish.
179	336	38	868	39	—	1	40	828	660	2,000	340	3,000	2,132	...
—	—	55	55	—	—	—	—	55a	—	—	—	—	—	Donations to the amount of £6,500 were received towards the provision of this library, and a loan of £1,800 has recently been borrowed. The cost of the site was £3,000 and of the buildings and fittings about £6,200.
642	1,076	121	3,928	136	—	33	169	3,759	—	14,600	—	14,600	13,090	The site was presented to the parish.
—	—	21	134	—	—	—	—	134b	—	6,000	—	6,000	5,535	This library is held on building lease for term of 90 years from 1892 at an annual rental of £100.
—	—	21	134	—	—	—	—	134b	—	—	—	—	—	Donations to the amount of £6,060 were received towards the provision of this library, and a sum of £2,000 was realised from the letting of the site on the occasion of the 1897 Jubilee celebrations. The cost of the site was £5,123, and of the buildings and fittings about £7,250. A loan of £3,900 is contemplated to be borrowed.

(a) St. George-in-the-East—The amount actually produced by the penny rate in 1897-8 was £820.

(b) St. George-the-Martyr—The amount actually produced by the penny rate in 1897-8 was £750.



Parish or district served by Library, and name and situation of library.	Authority adminis- tering the Public Libraries Acts.	Esti- mated popula- tion of parish or district, April, 1898.	Date of adoption of Libraries Acts by parish or district.	Date of opening of library.	Lending						
					Classification of books.			Classification of borrowers.			
					Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for home reading during 1897-8.	Class.	Number at end of 1897-8.		
St. Giles' District— St. Giles' Library, 198, High Holborn	Commis- sioners	38,049	1d. rate, May, 1891 1d. rate, May, 1893	Reading-room, Nov., 1892 Lending library, April, 1893 Permanent building, March, 1896	Prose fiction ... .. Natural science ... .. History and biography Other ... ..	2,354 427 1,203 2,282	39,977 647 2,129 5,274	[No classification avail- able]	1,275		
						6,266	48,027				
St. Margaret and St. John— Chief Library, Great Smith-street, Westminster	Vestry of St. Mar- garet and St. John	51,884	May, 1856	March, 1857. Permanent building, Aug., 1893.	Prose fiction ... .. Sciences and arts ... .. History, biography and travels Politics and commerce Other ... ..	5,465 3,367 4,869 1,395 8,129	42,998 2,706 5,673 2,574 10,089	[No classification avail- able.]	2,486		
								23,225a	64,640		
Branch Library, 3, Trevor-square, Knightsbridge				June, 1858. Extended, Oct., 1886.	Prose fiction ... .. Sciences and arts ... .. History, biography and travels Other ... ..	1,836 78 676 1,132	8,029 195 963 2,734	Do.	502		
								3,722a	11,921		
St. Martin-in-the- Fields and St. Paul, Covent-garden— St. Martin and St. Paul Library,(b) St. Martin's-lane	Commis- sioners	St. Martin, 12,523 St. Paul, 1,903 14,426	St. Martin, Feb., 1887. St. Paul, Aug., 1893.	Temporary premises, Jan., 1889. Permanent building, Feb., 1891.	Prose fiction ... .. Science and useful arts History and travel ... Other ... ..	5,115 1,167 2,062 6,035	37,745 2,028 3,633 7,813	Ages—14—20 ... .. 21—30 ... .. 31—40 ... .. 41—50 ... .. 51—60 ... .. over 60 ... .. not stated ... ..	346 455 197 110 42 18 284		
						14,379	51,219		1,452		
St. Saviour, South- wark— St. Saviour's Library, 44a, Southwark- bridge-road	Commis- sioners	11,618	Nov., 1891.	Nov., 1894. Boys' room, Nov., 1897.	Prose fiction— Adult ... .. Juvenile ... .. Arts and sciences, in- cluding music Biography and history Other ... ..	3,352 841 1,095 1,346 2,415	25,849 6,392 2,103 1,362 3,271	Ratepayers ... .. Resident non-ratepayers Non-resident employees Males ... .. Females ... .. Total borrowers ... .. Borrowers holding special tickets ... .. Total tickets ... ..	187 513 435 758 377 1,135 59 1,194		
Shoreditch— Haggerston Library, 234, Kingsland-road	Vestry of Shore- ditch	121,794	March, 1891	News, &c., rooms, Nov., 1892 Lending and refer- ence libraries, May, 1893 Premises extended, Oct., 1896	Prose fiction, including juvenile Science and art ... .. History, biography travels, &c. Other ... ..	3,601 1,371 2,033 1,470	52,507 2,790 3,515 2,141	Professional ... .. Commercial and trading Artisan and labouring... Domestic... .. Scholars and students... Not stated ... .. Males ... .. Females ... ..	115 367 667 16 52 493 996 714		
								8,475	60,953		1,710
Hoxton Library, (c) Pitfield-street				News, &c., rooms, Nov., 1893 Lending and refer- ence libraries, Feb., 1894 Permanent building, April, 1898	Prose fiction, including juvenile Science and art ... .. History, biography, travels, &c. Other ... ..	3,685 1,544 2,402 1,619	24,322 721 819 538	Professional ... .. Commercial and trading Artisan and labouring... Domestic... .. Scholars and students... Not stated ... .. Males ... .. Females ... ..	45 119 332 15 45 179 480 255		
								9,250	26,40 c		735

(a) St. Margaret and St. John—These figures include the books which are available for reference purposes only.

(b) St. Martin and St. Paul—The statistics of the books and borrowers relate to the year ended 31st December, 1898.

(c) Shoreditch—The statistics of the books and borrowers at the Hoxton Library relate to the nine months ended 25th December, 1897; on this date the temporary premises were closed.

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Department.		Reference department.				
Hours during which books are issued.	Qualifications for borrowers and other particulars.	Classification of books.			Hours during which books are issued.	Other particulars.
		Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for reference purposes during 1897-8.		
Wednesdays, 9.30 a.m.-1 p.m.; other week-days, 9.30 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 12 years of age rated, resident or employed in district Borrowers may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing non-fictional works Period of tickets—1 year Time allowed for borrowing—10 days for fictional and 14 days for non-fictional works	Natural science ... History and biography ... Other ... ..	[No classification available]  1,138	574 1,259 11,490  13,323	Week-days, 9.30 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays	...
Week-days, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons rated, resident or employed in parish Period of tickets—3 years Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	Prose fiction ... .. Sciences and arts ... History, biography and travels Politics and commerce Other ... ..	[Included in figures for lending department.]    869 104 543 10,655 12,171	11,002 2,973 5,692 12,611 11,511 43,789	Week-days, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays.	...
Do.	Do.	Prose fiction ... .. Sciences and arts ... History, biography and travels Other ... ..	[Included in figures for lending department.]    869 104 543 10,655 12,171	Do.	Do.	...
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; other week-days, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last 7 days in July.	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 14 years of age rated, resident or employed in either parish Every borrower is allowed two tickets, one of which is only available for non-fictional works Period of tickets—1 year. Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	Geologists' Association's library (a) Science and useful arts Royal Historical Society's library (a) History and travel ... Other ... ..	796 1,136 3,947 2,386 10,297 18,562	7,711 11,316 61,769 80,796	Week-days, 10 a.m.—10 p.m. Closed on public holidays.	...
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; other week-days, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and first clear week in July	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 12 years of age rated, resident, employed, or at school in parish Borrowers may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing non-fictional works Period of tickets—1 year Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	Arts and sciences ... Biography and history ... Other ... ..	232 240 407 879	259 87 720 1,066	Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., other week-days, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and first clear week in July.	...
Weekdays, 9.30 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and for a few days in July	Qualifications for borrowers— Persons over 13 years of age rated, resident or employed in parish; also any person on payment of 5s. per annum. Borrowers may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing works of music. Period of tickets—1 year. Time allowed for borrowing—14 days.	Science and art ... History, biography, travels, &c. Other ... ..	588 919 1,745 3,202	2,605 2,420 7,988 13,013 <sup>b</sup>	Weekdays, 9.30 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays	...
Do.	Do.	Science and art ... History, biography, travels, &c. Other ... ..	386 393 2,282 3,061	428 206 509 1,143 <sup>c</sup>	Do.	...

(a) St. Martin and St. Paul.—The libraries of the Geologists' Association and Royal Historical Society are deposited at this library and are freely available to the public for reference.

(b) Shoreditch.—Including issues of books in boys' room.

(c) Shoreditch.—See note (c) on opposite page.

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Parish or district and name of library.	Accommodation of public libraries—continued.					Statutory rateable value of parish or district, 6th April, 1898.	Estimated produce of the library rate, 1898-9.	Abstract of	
	News and reading rooms.			Particulars of special accommodation provided.	Expen-				
	Classification of newspapers, periodicals, &c., provided at library.	Estimated average daily attendance.	Hours during which news, &c., rooms are open.		Interest and re-payment of loans.			Repairs and main-tenance of build-ings.	
	Class.	Num-ber.							
<b>St. Giles' District—</b> St. Giles' Library ...	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly ... Quarterly ...	24 77 40 3 <hr/> 144	1,450	<i>Newsroom—</i> Week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays <i>Magazine room—</i> Week-days, 9.30 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays	There is an extra room which was intended to be used as a boys' room, but through want of funds it has not yet been opened.	£ 439,598	£ 1,800	£ 706	£ 300
<b>St. Margaret and St. John—</b> Chief Library ...	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly ... Quarterly ...	21 90 69 8 <hr/> 188	1,750	Week-days, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays.	A reading-room is set apart for the use of ladies and also one for the use of rate-payers of parish. Both these rooms are open the same hours as rest of library				
Branch Library ...	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly ... Quarterly ...	17 28 39 6 <hr/> 90	300	Do.	A reading-room is set apart for the use of ladies and ratepayers of parish. It is open the same hours as rest of library.	882,345	3,603	1,128	687
<b>St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Paul, Covent-garden—</b> St. Martin and St. Paul Library	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly ... Quarterly ...	26 130 122 8 <hr/> 286	3,833	<i>News-room—</i> Week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays <i>Magazine-room—</i> Week-days, 9.30 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays	...	St. Martin 587,301 St. Paul 110,279	St. Martin 2,478 St. Paul 441	763	607
						697,580	2,919		
<b>St. Saviour, Southwark—</b> St. Saviour's Library ...	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly ...	26 68 60 <hr/> 154	Sundays 150 Week-days, 1,250	Sundays, 3-9 p.m. Week-days, 10 a.m.-9.30 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Boys' room—Tickets for the use of this room may be obtained by any boy under 16 years of age, re-ident, at school, or employed in parish. A few of the periodicals are kept here, and various games are also provided. Hours when open— Week-days, 6-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays. Ladies' reading-room—This room contains a few of the periodicals, and is open same hours as newsroom.	226,600	906	281	229
<b>Shoreditch—</b> Haggerston Library ...	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly ... Quarterly ...	29 97 39 1 <hr/> 166	Sun-days, 33 Week-days, 1,250	Sundays (November to March only), 6-9 p.m. Week-days, 9.30 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Boys' room—This room contains a few of the periodicals and is for the use of boys from 8 to 13 years of age. Tickets for reading juvenile books out of the lending department in this room can be obtained by boys resident or at school in parish; the issues for 1897-8 are included under reference department. Hours when open— Saturdays and school holidays, 9.30 a.m.-9 p.m.; other week-days, 5-9 p.m. Ladies' reading-room—This room contains a few of the periodicals and is open same hours as newsroom. Library garden—This garden adjoins the library. From April to October a few newspapers are provided on stands here.	694,327	2,050a	436	310
Hoxton Library ...	Daily ... Weekly ... Monthly ...	28 83 55 <hr/> 166	Sun-days, 93 Week-days, 1,700	Do.	Boys' room—The same rules apply to this room as to the boys' room at Haggerston Library. Ladies' reading-room—This room contains a few of the periodicals and is open same hours as newsroom.				

(a) Shoreditch—Only a three-farthing rate is authorised to be levied for library purposes.



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accounts for 1897-8 in respect of libraries.									Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of libraries.				Loans out-standing at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
Expenditure.				Receipts in aid of expenditure.				Net expenditure falling on rates.	Purchase of site.	Erection of buildings.	Furniture and fittings and purchase of books.	Total.		
Books, periodicals, binding, &c.	Salaries and wages.	Establishment and other.	Total expenditure.	Fines, catalogues and tickets.	Rents.	Other.	Total receipts-in-aid.							
£ 223	£ 443	£ 80	£ 1,752	£ 36	£ —	£ 34	£ 70	£ 1,682	£ 3,000	£ 7,500	£ 2,000	£ 12,500	£ 11,588	The total capital cost of this library was £13,318, of which £3,000 was in respect of site, £9,048 of buildings and £1,270 of furniture and fittings. Donations to the amount of £728 were received towards this cost, and £100 was also received for the purchase of books.
504	938	45	3,302	68	106	9	183	3,119	10,700		—	10,700	7,316	In addition to the loans borrowed, £5,000 of parish stock was sold in 1891-2 and the money devoted towards the provision of this library, the total capital cost of which was £17,490. The site was acquired at a cost of £6,437, and is subject till 1903 to an annual rent charge of £245.
									—	—	—	—	—	These premises are held on lease at an annual rental of £100, but a portion of them is sub-let as offices for £62 per annum. The alterations carried out in 1886 cost £688, and were defrayed out of revenue.
523	804	103	2,800	39	—	9	48	2,752	6,500	9,290		15,790	13,782	The total capital cost of this library was £15,911.
90	402	43	1,045	34	75	39	148	897	1,500	4,000	—	5,500	5,128	The total donations received up to the end of 1898-9 amounted to £2,037. During the winter season free lectures, &c., are given from time to time at the library; also every alternate week during the winter free lantern lectures are given for children in the boys' room. During 1898-9 four lectures for adults were delivered and nine for children.
1,228	695	82	2,751	88	3	34	125	2,626	4,280		720	5,000	4,546	This library was adapted from a building which was purchased in October, 1891, at a cost of £4,309. The cost of the alterations and extensions carried out was £3,539 and of the furniture and fittings, £856, making the total capital cost of library, £8,704; £3,704 of this was met by donations. Up to the end of 1898-9, 2,767 books had been presented to the library.
									4,500	7,500	—	12,000	11,959	The total capital cost of this library was £18,958, of which £4,521 was in respect of site and £14,437 of buildings, fittings and furniture; £6,736 of this was met by donations. Up to the end of 1898-9, 1,993 books had been presented to the library.

Parish or district served by library, and name and situation of library.	Authority administering the Public Libraries Acts.	Estimated population of parish or district, April, 1898.	Date of adoption of Libraries Acts by parish or district.	Date of opening of library.	Lending				
					Classification of books.			Classification of borrowers.	
					Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for home reading during 1897-8.	Class.	Number at end of 1897-8.
<b>Stoke Newington—</b> Stoke Newington Library, 158, Church-street	Commissioners	34,899	Feb., 1890	Newsroom, Oct., 1890. Lending library, Oct., 1891. Permanent building, July, 1892	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Science (natural history, physics, &c.) History, biography and travel Other ... ..	2,879 559 445 1,966 2,561	61,038 11,017 1,465 7,091 10,720	Males ... .. Females ... .. Ratepayers ... .. Non-ratepayers ... ..	1,476 1,515 815 2,176
						8,410	91,331		2,991
<b>Streatham—</b> Tate Library, 63, Streatham High-road	Commissioners	60,825	Dec., 1889	April, 1891	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Arts and sciences ... .. History and biography Other ... ..	4,691 1,322 2,340 3,141 5,133	113,783 19,177 6,899 9,030 15,509	[No classification available]	5,710
						16,627	164,398		
Branch Library, Ramsden-road, Balham				June, 1898	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Wandsworth—</b> Central Library, (a) 38, West-hill, Wandsworth	Commissioners	61,541	July, 1883	Reading rooms, March, 1885. Lending and reference libraries, Oct., 1885. Reading-room added, March, 1887	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Science and art ... .. History, geography and travels Other ... ..	[No classification available] [No classification available] [No classification available] [No classification available] [No classification available]	61,860 12,995 3,193 3,865 7,538	[No classification available]	6,000 (about)
						15,000 (about)	89,451		
Branch Library, Allfarthing-lane, Wandsworth				Oct., 1898	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Whitechapel District—</b> Central Library, 77, High-street, Whitechapel	Commissioners	77,467	Dec., 1889	Newsrooms, May, 1892. Lending and reference libraries and museum, Oct., 1892	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Natural science ... .. History and biography Other ... ..	3,530 1,492 578 1,852 4,349	47,886 25,720 1,340 3,270 9,618	Borrowers holding— Readers' tickets ... Students' tickets ... Total tickets ...	2,720 94 2,814
						11,801	87,834		
Delivery Branch, St. Mark's School, Royal Mint-street				Sept., 1897	Prose fiction ... .. Juvenile ... .. Other ... ..	(b) 701 428 187	701 428 187		
							1,316		
Delivery Branch, Hanbury-street School, Mile-end New-town				Sept., 1898	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Woolwich—</b> Site for Woolwich Library, William-street, Woolwich	Local Board of Woolwich	41,426	June, 1895	...	...	...	...	...	...

(a) Wandsworth—The statistics of the books and borrowers relate to the year ended 31st December, 1898.

(b) Whitechapel—No books are kept here, it being merely a delivery station for books of Central Library.

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department.		Reference department.				
Hours during which books are issued.	Qualifications for borrowers and other particulars.	Classification of books.			Hours during which books are issued.	Other particulars.
		Class.	Stock at end of 1897-8.	Issues for reference purposes during 1897-8.		
Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; other week-days, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last complete week in July	Qualifications for borrowers—Persons over 14 years of age rated, resident or employed in parish; also any person on payment of 10s. per annum. Period of tickets—1 year. Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	Science (natural history, physics, &c.) History, biography and travels Other ... ..	197 1,352 2,331 3,880	721 1,942 5,419 8,082	Weekdays, 9.30 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays	...
Weekdays, except Thursdays, 10.30 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last clear week in July	Qualifications for borrowers—Persons over 12 years of age rated or resident in parish Period of tickets—1 year Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	[No classification available]	585	[Small issue included in lending issue]	[Same times as lending department]	...
Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m.-5 p.m.; other weekdays, except Thursdays, 10.30 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last clear week in July	Do.	Do.	...	...	..	...
Weekdays, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and first 14 days in August	Qualifications for borrowers—Persons rated, resident or employed in parish Period of tickets—2 years Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	Science and art ... History, geography and travels Other ... ..	[No classification available] 1,000 (about)	255 186 352 793	[Same times as lending department]	...
Week-days, except Thursdays, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and first 14 days in August	Do.	...	...	...	...	...
Week-days, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed on public holidays and first 2 weeks in August.	Qualifications for borrowers—Persons of reasonable age rated, resident or employed in district. Borrowers over 14 years of age may obtain an additional ticket for borrowing non-fictional works. Period of tickets—1 year. Time allowed for borrowing—14 days	Natural science ... History and biography ... Other ... ..	446 458 2,772 3,376	3,261 5,418 28,097 36,806	Sundays, Good Friday and bank-holidays, 2.30-10 p.m.; other days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on Christmas-day and first week in August	The average issue of books in the reference department on Sundays during 1897-8 was 87 and on week-days, 106.
Mondays and Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.	Do.	...	...	...	...	...
Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.	Do.	...	...	...	...	...
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Parish or district and name of library.	Accommodation of public libraries—continued.					Statutory rateable value of parish or district, 6th April, 1898.	Estimated produce of the library rate, 1898-9.	Abstract of	
	News and reading rooms.			Particulars of special accommodation provided.	Interest and re-payment of loans.			Expen-Repairs and main-tenance of build-ings.	
	Classification of newspapers, periodicals, &c., provided at library.	Esti-mated average daily attend-ance.	Hours during which news, &c., rooms are open.						
	Class.	Num-ber.							
Stoke Newington— Stoke Newington Library	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly Quarterly	22 95 72 10  199	1,050	Week-days, 9.30 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on Good Friday and Christmas-day	...	£ 220,602	£ 909	£ 225	£ 145
Streatham— Tate Library ... ..	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly Quarterly	18 110 78 7  213	Sun-days, 3-9 p.m. Week-days, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays and last clear week in July	...	440,255	1,895	—	283	
Branch Library ...	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly	17 52 32  101	Do.	...					
Wandsworth— Central Library ...	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly Quarterly	19 147 117 3  286	1,000	Week-days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on public holidays	Ladies' reading-room—This room contains a few of the periodicals and is open same hours as reading rooms.	341,710	1,400	72	211
Branch Library ...	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly Quarterly	16 62 22 1  101	400	Do.	...				
Whitechapel Dis- trict— Central Library ...	Daily ... Weekly... Monthly Quarterly	28 104 63 5  200	Sun-days, 2,000 Week-days, 3,000	Sundays, Good Friday and bank holidays, 11.30 a.m.-10 p.m.; other days, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Closed on Christ-mas-day and first week in August.	Boys' and ladies' reading rooms—Both of these rooms contain a few of the periodicals and are open same hours as newsroom. Museum—The museum is in charge of a curator whose duty is to assist students or give infor-mation respecting the specimens to visitors. The daily average attendance during 1897-8 and 1898-9 was 237, rising to 638 on Saturdays and 259 on Sundays. During these two years, too, 9 schools have systematically used the museum for the practical illustration of object lessons previously given in the schools; over 3,000 children have thus received instruction. Hours when open— Sundays, 3-10 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; other week-days, 12-2 p.m. and 3-10 p.m. Closed on Christmas-day.	440,418	1,825	—	549
Royal Mint-street Branch	...	...	...	...	...				
Hanbury-street Branch	...	...	...	...	...				
Woolwich— Site for Woolwich Library	...	...	...	...	...	273,279	1,100	—	—

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accounts for 1897-8 in respect of libraries.									Loans borrowed up to end of 1897-8 for purposes of libraries.				Loans out-standing at end of 1897-8.	Notes.
Expenditure.				Receipts in aid of expenditure.				Net expenditure falling on rates.	Purchase of site.	Erection of buildings.	Furniture and fittings and purchase of books.	Total.		
Books, periodicals, binding, &c.	Salaries and wages.	Establishment and other.	Total expenditure.	Fines, catalogues and tickets.	Rents.	Other.	Total receipts in-aid.							
£ 286	£ 342	£ 51	£ 1,049	£ 103	£ 6	£ 68	£ 177	£ 872	£ 1,000	£ 2,621	£ 379	£ 4 000	£ 3,457	...
944	526	115	1,868	146	—	14	160	1,708	—	2,250	—	2,250	2,250	The freehold of this library was presented to the parish. The cost of the site was £1,375 and of the buildings and fittings over £8,000.  The site was presented in June, 1897.
31	489	88	1,172	38	—	16	54	1,118	4,300	—	—	4,300	413	This library was adapted from a private house, which, together with an adjoining piece of land, was acquired for £3,830; the alterations were carried out at a cost of £383. In 1887, donations to the amount of £3,000 were received towards repayment of original loan of £3,700. The debt outstanding is in respect of a loan of £600 borrowed in 1894 to defray cost of underpinning. The large reading-room adjoining the library was built privately and presented.  The site was presented subject to a peppercorn ground rent on a long lease. The total cost of the building was £2,313, which was partly defrayed by a legacy of £2,000. Donations to the amount of £100 have also been received.
588	789	106	2,027	59	—	—	59	1,968	—	—	—	—	—	The total capital cost of this library was £12,151, of which £3,080 was in respect of the site, £7,347 of the building and £1,724 of furniture and fittings. Donations to the amount of £10,831 were received towards this cost. From October to June free science lectures are held at the library monthly; during 1897-8 nine were held.
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—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	This site adjoins the Town-hall and is at present occupied by the Board's stables. New stables, however, are in course of erection elsewhere. A loan of £7,600 has been sanctioned by the Local Government Board for building purposes.







